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Party vote will strengthen me says Thatcher

General election now not likely until 1992

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister declared last night that her position at the helm of the Conservative Party would be strengthened by a victory in the imminent leadership election.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher coupled her declaration with a fierce and passionate defence of her record as Tory leader and Prime Minister.

In a *Panorama* interview, Mrs Thatcher hinted strongly for the first time that the next general election would not take place until 1992.

Although she said that an election contest was damaging for the party and the country, she strongly defended the right of MPs to challenge her. Her approach indicated that the party leadership has changed its tactics and made a conscious decision to turn what they previously characterized as an unwanted diversion to her advantage.

Mrs Thatcher said she hoped any challenge would not be as a result of backbench uncertainty about her performance. She said: "It has not done too badly. It has won three elections in a row. The whole position of Britain has been transformed for the better."

Everyone had a better standard of living than they dreamed of 10 years ago, there were better social services and Britain's reputation in the world had been transformed.

"I am very fit, I am fortunate, I love the work . . . I would like to continue — as long as possible"

"I hope they are not dissatisfied," she said.

In a further attempt to clear up the confusion about her long-term leadership intentions, she said she would go on for as long as the electorate and the party wanted it. She would not be averse to becoming the longest serving Prime Minister in history, at least since the eighteenth century.

"I am very fit, I am fortunate, I love the work ... I would like to continue — as long as possible."

She hoped the party would wish that she go on for a long time "on performance".

Mrs Thatcher said that she would "totally and utterly" dissociate herself from any attempts to coerce MPs into voting for her. The party at the centre and the Prime Minister in particular must never interfere in any way. To do so would be counter-productive.

Her remarks came as it emerged at Westminster that Mr Tim Renton, the Government's Chief Whip, has given orders to his colleagues in the Whips' Office that they should *not become involved in campaigning*. He was acting as some MPs voiced anger that Mrs Thatcher's supporters are using heavy-handed tactics to dissuade them from voting for Sir Anthony Meyer.

Mrs Thatcher was asked whether a leadership election would damage the party. She replied: "I do not think it is good for the party or the country. . .I think at the moment uncertainty about anything connected with the Government is not good. We are behind in the polls and uncertainty adds to that."

The Prime Minister pointed out that she had had to go through the nomination process each year since her first election in 1975. There was nothing unusual about it. She said the fact that she had been nominated year after year strengthened her position. "I hope after this election it will strenghten it again."

After speaking of uncertainty, she said: "Never mind. It will soon be over and I would not like in any way to use that to hinder anyone who wants to stand."

When Mr David Dimbleby pointed out that the polls were showing the Tories well behind, Mrs Thatcher declared: "We are not going to have an election tomorrow, or next year, or probably not even the year after that. We have a very long time to go."

Mr Renton has made plain that the Whips' Office must remain impartial. It is pointed out that the arrangements for the election are the responsibility of Mr Cranley Onslow, the 1922 Committee chairman. The Whips' Office is available to help with the mechanics of the election.

Mr Renton is understood to have acted at the end of last week. He has told his colleagues that it would be a great disservice to Mrs Thatcher if they were to be seen as acting as her election office.

Senior Cabinet ministers are understood to accept that strong-arm tactics are likely to be counter-productive.

Mr Onslow is thought likely to appoint two or three senior backbenchers to act as scrutineers for the election, which will be held on December 5.



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● Nine months after the last Soviet soldier left Afghanistan, the Kabul regime still relies on Moscow for financial and military support. See Page 14

Charity drive

● These days, collecting money to aid the ill, hungry and disadvantaged is less a calling than a business. Our special report on the new face of charity begins on Page 32

Portfolio PLATINUM

● There were eight winners of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize (see Page 3). Your chance to win today's £2,000 prize is on Page 29

Freedom strike brings streets to a standstill



Strike-bound: Surrounded by crowds of demonstrators answering the Opposition's call for a general strike, trams grind to a halt in a central Prague street.

Czechs rally to democracy after disclosure of averted crackdown

From Richard Bassett, Prague

Czechoslovakia rose up yesterday almost to a man in support of a two-hour general strike demanding an end to communist rule.

At the same time, details emerged that a military crackdown was only averted by a few votes and by a warning from Moscow at last Friday's Central Committee plenum.

The strike was supported throughout the country as well as in Prague, which came to a virtual standstill. Thousands of schoolchildren carried banners through the streets and church bells rang. Even police gave victory signs.

After a second Central Committee plenum, which ended at 5am, sweeping personnel changes in top media positions were taking place.

A new television chief was expected to be appointed today as well as a new editor of the daily *Mlada Fronta*.

Mr Ladislav Adamec, the acting Prime Minister, assembled his administration yesterday to draw up a new political programme and discuss personnel changes.

Bonn — Herr Kohl, the West German Chancellor, will today table in the Bundestag a three-step plan for the reunification of the two Germanys, government coalition sources said last night.

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It is widely expected that a new Government will be formed later this week which will include between six and 10 members from Opposition groupings. According to party sources, Mr Vasil Mohorota, the leader of the official socialist student union, who was elected to the Politburo yesterday, would be the new ideology chief.

Mr Adamec's position, however, yesterday appeared more vulnerable. Support for the economist Mr Valtr Komarek rose among the demonstrators in Prague and he is tipped as a likely candidate for the premiership. Mr Komarek, pledged to support the democratic movement Civil Forum last week.

Nevertheless, party sources refused to write Mr Adamec off. He is expected to meet Civil Forum leaders, including Mr Vaclav Havel, today.

Details meanwhile emerged of how close the Central Committee's voting had been on Friday and Sunday. According to one member, Mr Milos Jakes, the former hardline leader, had mustered 57 out of 134 votes on almost every issue.

It was also disclosed by several senior party members that General Milan Vaclavik, the Minister of Defence, had offered on Friday to use the Army to support hardliners in a crackdown. The offer was supported by half the Central Committee and was only frustrated, party sources indicated, by a split in the general staff who refused to support the general.

Party members close to government reformers said they believed Mr Miroslav Stepan, the former Prague party chief, would be "punished, probably imprisoned," over the November 17 attack by riot police on demonstrators.

Mr Jakes might also be punished.

Gandhi in battle to stay on

From Christopher Thomas Delhi

Mr Rajiv Gandhi's battle to hang on to power appeared to be flagging last night as opposition parties — some of them bitter ideological opponents — attempted to assemble a patchwork partnership that will command a parliamentary majority.

Mr Gandhi ended six weeks of suspense by announcing that he was recommending the immediate dissolution of Parliament to clear the way for a new government to be installed. Within hours President Venkataraman formally announced the dissolution.

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The Prime Minister did not offer his resignation, however, in the hope that he might piece together an administration

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Clubs fined over brawl

The Football Association yesterday fined Norwich City £50,000 and Arsenal £20,000 as a result of a brawl involving 21 players from the two clubs at the end of a League fixture earlier this month.

The FA also warned that in similar circumstances in future clubs could have points deducted.

Two first division managers were dismissed yesterday — Trevor Francis, of QPR and Mel Machin, of Manchester City.......................Page 46

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Largest German bank bids £950m for Morgan

By Our City Staff

Deutsche Bank, West Germany's largest bank, has launched a £950 million takeover bid for top City bank Morgan Grenfell. Its offer of 550p a share is 50p higher than when the shares were first floated in 1986. Morgan's shares jumped 60p to 536p on the news, compared with a record 577p during 1987.

Deutsche has promised that Morgan will continue trading as a separate company, and Mr John Craven will stay on as chief executive and will join the Deutsche management board. He welcomed the bid, which has still to be approved by shareholders and the Bank of England.

"Since I will not have to spend 99.9 per cent of my time worrying about the shareholders I will be able to contribute more to the business," he said.

The deal has scuppered attempts by Banque Indosuez, of France, which planned to increase its stake in Morgan to 25 per cent stake.

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Press conduct

Editors agree on new code

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Britain's national newspaper editors have agreed on a common Code of Practice and declared that they will introduce readers' representatives, or ombudsmen, to deal with complaints.

After an unprecedented meeting of all national editors a declaration was issued last night stating their determination to defend the democratic right of the people to a press free from government interference.

The declaration states: "In pursuing our campaigns for a freedom of information act and reform of libel and contempt law, we have also given due consideration to criticism of the press in Parliament and by the public.

"While supporting the Press Council, each individual national newspaper now accepts the need to improve its own methods of self-regulation, including procedures for dealing promptly and fairly with complaints.

"Editors have agreed on a common Code of Practice and the establishment of systems of readers' representatives, or ombudsmen, to take up complaints and breaches of the Code.

The representative's authority will be set out in formal terms of reference. Representativess will safeguard standards of accuracy, fairness and the conduct of journalists.

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"They will have the power to question journalists and editorial executives.

"They will have the right to require prompt publication of statements of correction and to have their findings published.

"If a dispute cannot be settled in this way the right to appeal to the Press Council of course remains."

The Code of Practice states that:

● Intrusion into private lives should always have a public interest justification.
● A fair opportunity for reply will be given when reasonably called for.
● Mistakes will be corrected promptly and with appropriate prominence.
● Subject only to the existence of an overriding public interest, information for publication will be obtained by straightforward means. Similarly, newspapers will not authorize payment to criminals to enable them to profit from crime.
● Irrelevant references to race, colour and religion will be avoided.

The declaration was signed by Ernest Burrington, *The People*; Patsy Chapman, *News*

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US surgeons begin new era of living transplants

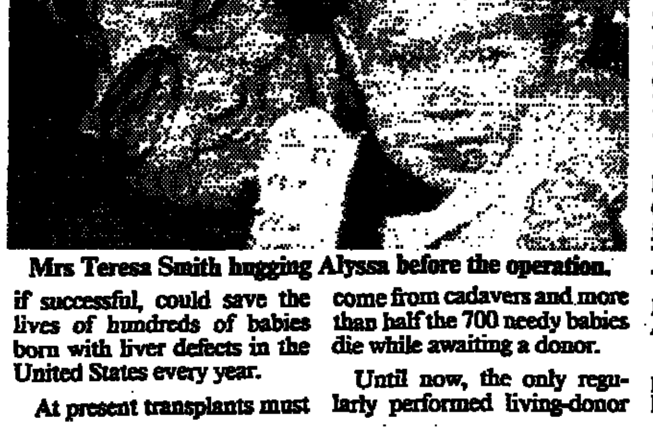
From Charles Bremner New York

Surgeons in Chicago yesterday gave a baby girl a third of her mother's liver, opening the way for what doctors hope will be a new era of organ transplants from living donors.

The operation by surgeons at the University of Chicago was the first in the world in which a liver was transplanted into a young child who was not at the time critically ill.

Recently surgeons in Australia, Brazil and Japan have attempted such live donor transplants only in cases of extreme emergency.

Doctors say the technique,



Mrs Teresa Smith hugging Alyssa before the operation.

if successful, could save the lives of hundreds of babies born with liver defects in the United States every year.

At present transplants must come from cadavers and more than half the 700 needy babies die while awaiting a donor.

Until now, the only regularly performed living-donor transplants have involved kidneys and pancreas segments.

Dr Walter Andrews, a leading expert from the Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, said the Chicago operation, led by Dr Christopher Broelsch, was "an historic moment" in medical science.

The nine-hour operation began at dawn when the Chicago team started removing part of the liver of Mrs Teresa Smith, aged 29, from Texas. This was then transplanted into her daughter Alyssa, aged 21 months.

What makes such a transplant possible is that a healthy liver is able to regenerate itself, that of an adult regaining its original size within a month. The part given to Alyssa will grow with her.

If the Chicago operation is successful, surgeons are expected to consider the possibilities of transplanting pieces of lung and the small bowel.

The Chicago University hospital spent more than a year planning the operation. Last August it authorized 20 such operations to discover if they are viable. In view of the new ethical territory they were venturing on, the team published a detailed account of its plans in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Shorts airport hit by IRA bombs

The Provisional IRA last night planted five bombs at Belfast Harbour Airport, which is owned by the aerospace company Short Brothers (Edward Gorman writes).

Police said two bombs exploded, one at an entrance to the complex and the other near an aircraft parked on the airfield used for testing. Nobody was injured.

Army bomb disposal experts were trying to find a further three devices. The IRA phoned a local radio station 30 minutes before the first bomb went off.

It was the first time Shorts has been a target since July when the IRA planted six bombs at the airport. Three exploded, damaging two aircraft and the control tower. The other bombs were found near oil pipelines and fuel tanks. The attack led to criticism of security measures. Shorts was sold in June to the Canadian company Bombardier. It is Ulster's largest manufacturing employer, with a staff of about 7,000, almost all Protestants.

Hours dispute talks

Talks to end the month-long strike over claims for a 35-hour week by unions representing more than one million manual workers are to take place later this week (Tim Jones writes). Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said offers for negotiations had been received from British Aerospace, Rolls-Royce and Smith's Industries; 9,000 workers are on strike at five plants.

As shop stewards met union leaders yesterday, it became apparent that the unions would be prepared to accept a 37-hour week if they can agree on conditions.

Royal security praised

Police believe an incident at the weekend, when a man allegedly attempted to enter Buckingham Palace by climbing a perimeter wall, had vindicated security surrounding the Royal Family (David Sapsted writes). The man was arrested "before any breach of security had occurred", they said. Andrew Windsor, aged 37, who lives in a south London hostel, was remanded on bail at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday after pleading not guilty to stealing a ladder.

Veterans honoured

Sir Alec Guinness and Charles Crichton have been honoured in the Critics' Circle film awards (Simon Tait writes). Sir Alec, aged 75, received a special career award at yesterday's ceremony, and Mr Crichton, aged 79, was awarded an accolade for his contribution to comedy from Ealing Studios classics to *A Fish Called Wanda*. Best English language film was *Distant Voices, Still Live*, directed by Terence Davies and produced by the British Film Institute.

Polluters prosecuted

More than 120 prosecutions alleging water pollution have been set in motion by the National Rivers Authority less than three months after its creation (David Sapsted writes). The disclosure comes in response to a report that the Pollution Inspectorate had not taken such action against any water authority. About 50 prosecutions have been brought and 80 are pending. Two water authorities, Northumbria and Yorkshire, are among the bodies facing charges.

Praise for Sky News

Sky News, launched nine months ago, has been voted best new media product of 1989 and praised for the quality of its coverage by the business magazine *Managament Today* (Richard Evans writes). "Many have argued that quality is inversely proportional to quantity. Sky News Channel is the exception that proves the rule", the magazine states. Sky Television is a subsidiary of News International, as is Times Newspapers, publisher of *The Times*.

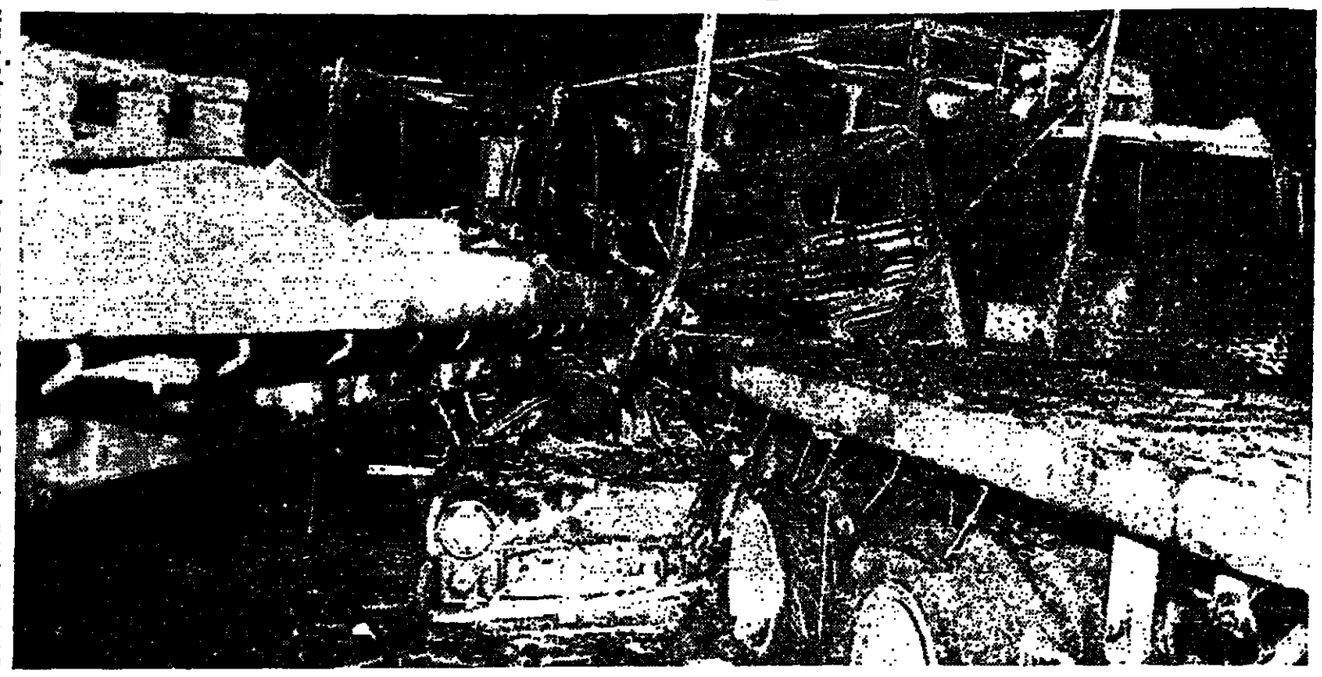
Two burn to death as thick fog causes crashes

Two people died after being trapped in burning vehicles yesterday on the A46 in Leicestershire and a further 10 were injured in a series of multiple crashes in thick fog on the M1 and on the A46 involving more than 70 cars and lorries (Craig Seton and David Cross write).

On the A46 north of Leicester 20 vehicles, including seven lorries, were involved in a multiple pile-up at Seagrave. Four lorries and two cars burst into flames at the scene, where there was only 15-20 ft visibility. Two died and two people were slightly injured.

In the first of three crashes on the M1 in Leicestershire, five people were injured, two seriously, when 41 vehicles piled up on the northbound carriageway near Kegworth.

Half an hour after the crash debris had been cleared, six vehicles collided on the southbound carriageway at the junction with the M6. One person was seriously injured. In another accident two and a half hours later at the same location, eight vehicles collided.



Crumpled carnage as 20 vehicles collided on the A46 in Leicestershire yesterday. The driver of the car trapped under the lorry and the lorry's driver died.

Breakaway doctors attack opposition to NHS reforms

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

A group of doctors who support the Government's health service reforms yesterday launched a new organization to counter the British Medical Association's £2 million campaign of opposition.

The group, chaired by Professor Richard Lilford, a consultant gynaecologist at St James Hospital, Leeds, claims there is growing pressure within the health service for a more constructive approach to the reforms. Doctors and other health professionals who support the plans had no chance to enter the debate or help to shape the reforms.

Its launch coincided with the delivery of 100,000 postcards at the Department of Health from members of the public opposing the Government's plans — a move organized by Mr Robin Cook, shadow health spokesman.

Professor Lilford said the group's aim was to disseminate the arguments in favour of the White Paper to the profession and the public, to set up a forum for discussion and to "promote a positive dialogue with the Government".

The British Medical Association, which had negotiated a "flawed" contract for GPs because they were adamantly opposed to a performance-sensitive contract, should not be allowed to do the same with the White Paper plans, the group argued yesterday.

The BMA's £2million campaign on the reforms had frightened patients and was "very unprofessional" in its personal attacks on Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, it said.

However, the Health Reform Group, which has 250 members, mainly consultants and GPs, has nothing like the BMA's financial backing and has so far raised only £5,000 through a £5 membership fee.

Dr Clive Frogatt, a GP and the group's honorary secretary, said the group was largely dependent on free media publicity, public donations and charity sponsorship to get its message to the public. Charities would be invited to sponsor national conferences to get issues across to the NHS and the public.

The group claims it is politically independent. Although Dr Frogatt is a member of the Conservative Medical Society two other executives profess to be socialists. "Nothing in the White Paper would not be acceptable to a moderate social democratic party. It is the embodiment of market socialism which is gaining ground across most of Europe," Professor Lilford said.

Dr Maurice Rosen, a GP, the group's vice-chairman, accused the BMA of pretending their campaign was in the interests of patients when in reality they were "concerned with their wallets as Mr Clarke suggested." Some GPs wanted to remain in bed all night and play golf two or three times a week and still be paid the same as anyone else, he said. "The bad GP has been allowed to profit out of the good one."

The BMA immediately attacked the organization as unrepresentative. "The BMA with nearly 80,000 members working in the NHS accepted the objective of the review but believe the untried, untested idea of an internal market with competing rather than co-operating hospitals will fragment the NHS," said a spokesman.

Planning procedures

Patten urges local autonomy

By John Young

Moves to simplify and speed up the "elephantine" planning system and to give local authorities greater autonomy in decision making were pledged yesterday by Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment.

He also told developers not to challenge approved structure plans unless they could show that there were other material considerations that justified the appeal. Otherwise, he said, they would be liable for costs.

In a speech to the annual conference of the Town and Country Planning Association in London, Mr Patten said one of his objectives since taking office was to see that local communities made more planning decisions.

A new draft planning guidance note was being published yesterday for consultation, he said. Its message was that counties should start to reappraise and update their plans to make them more concise.

Present approval procedures for structure plans were "frankly elephantine", he said. It took an average of 28 months from submission to final approval, which was plainly unsatisfactory.

In another development, Mr Patten said there were no plans to reintegrate the Department of Transport within the Department of the Environment.

He said that his suggestion in a television interview that there might have to be curbs on out-of-town shopping developments as a way of reducing carbon dioxide emissions from traffic to protect the ozone layer did not herald any immediate change in policy.

"All I said yesterday was that, if we look at traffic predictions for the future, then the decisions we take on land use planning are obviously relevant."

Clarke warns ambulancemen

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

As the ambulance dispute continued to deteriorate yesterday, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, condemned the action of some workers in the service as "extreme". He described their pay claim as "obviously excessive" and made it clear he would not agree to arbitration.

As angry exchanges developed during the Queen's Speech debate, Mr Clarke gave a warning that industrial action by the crews could speed up the contracting-out of non-emergency work which had already started in some parts of the country. He also told the unions that the Government might go ahead with separate negotiations with the ambulance staff association.

Mr Robin Cook, Labour's health spokesman, said the chamber of the House was probably the only place in Britain where Mr Clarke would not lose a vote on the ambulance staff's claim.

He told Mr Clarke it was pointless to try to roll back hostile public opinion by launching an advertising campaign outlining the Government's position. In the first of the newspaper advertisements which appeared yesterday, Mr Duncan Nichol, NHS chief executive, said he had proposed basic pay increases of between 10.9 per cent and 12.1 per cent back-dated to April, 1989, and running to next September.

He said the weekly pay of qualified ambulance staff in London, including two hours overtime, would go up by £27 a week to £250. Staff with paramedical skills would get £260 a week. The unions claim the deal is worth only 6.5 per cent to their members.

Airline's shares suspended as backer is sought

By Harvey Elliott and Shona Crawford Poole

Dealing in shares of British Island Airways was suspended yesterday as the board of the airline met in a last attempt to find a financial backer.

As the share price plummeted to 30p on the unlisted securities market, compared with a high of 150p, the board asked for a temporary suspension while they negotiated with potential investors around the world.

The airline has been a particular favourite of Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who admires the enthusiasm of its small team of management and pilots and used it to take her on "whistle-stop" tours of the country during the last two general elections.

British Island, which was created after a management buy-out from Air UK in 1982, has been hardest hit by the reductions in holiday bookings for next year. Rival charter airlines picked up the fast-dwindling number of packages through their tour operator holding companies.

Operations were continuing as usual yesterday as the chairman, Mr Peter Villa, aged 48, son of "Pancho" Villa, the former RAF ace, returned from India where he had been hoping to sign an agreement to lease part of the fleet until the market revived. The Gatwick-based airline employs 386 staff, many of whom are shareholders, and has a fleet of four MD 83s and four BAC 1-11s.

After losses in the first six months of this year of £4.9 million, the airline sold two 1-11s to Nigeria for $4 million and leased out two more to a French charter airline. But with only two scheduled routes — to Malta and Sicily — to fall back on, it was particularly hard hit by the slump in holiday bookings and was forced to cancel a large number of flights.

Earlier this month, Mr Villa reported that he was in negotation with several international operators and had begun a detailed valuation of assets. A further injection of equity capital into the airline was, he said, "essential".

It is now clear, however, that many of those originally interested, including Air Europe, have pulled out of the talks.

BIA became the first British airline to be quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market in 1986 where it was valued at more than £10 million. Last year it carried almost a million charter passengers. It was expanding until the downturn.

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Benefits review to assist teenagers

The Government bowed yesterday to criticisms of its decision to cut off income support to most 16 and 17-year-olds by announcing changes to the system for processing claims (Nicholas Wood writes).

It promised interviews for all teenagers where there was doubt about their entitlement to benefit. In addition, all cases where payment was withheld under the rules would be automatically referred to Mr Tony Newton, Secretary of State for Social Security, to consider under the severe hardship provisions.

Although the Department of Social Security said the moves were "administrative changes", they could lead to more generous treatment of claims by young people living rough in big cities.

The decision to withdraw benefits from those aged 16 and 17 and to insist that they should take up YTS places or jobs has been criticized by charities for exacerbating the problem of the young homeless.

Labour said the Commons announcement by Mrs Gillian Shephard, Under Secretary of State for Social Security, was a "purely cosmetic move".

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Picasso disappoints at £7.1m

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Picasso's "La Maternité" disappointed at Christie's in London last night when it sold for £7.1 million.

The painting, which achieved a world record for the artist of $152,000 last time it appeared at auction in 1952, had been expected to sell for more than £10 million.

A still-life of apples by Cézanne fared much better, achieving a record for the artist at £10.1 million.

At Phillips in London, Lenin's death mask, offered complete with creases from its original moulding, failed to excite passionate competition.

It was bought on its lower estimate by an American collector for £6,000. A white porcelain bust of Stalin, estimated at £3,500, failed to sell.

The Lenin cast, taken on the night of his death, was offered by an expatriate Russian family living in America.

Both heads provided a brief distraction from Phillips's first sale devoted exclusively to Russian avant-garde art of the twentieth century. Having lain in cupboards or under beds for up to 70 years for fear of discovery by the authorities, much of it had been lured to the West by the market demand. Women artists performed particularly well. Liubov Sergeevna Popova's "composition with guitar" fetched the highest price of £209,000 (estimate £150,000 to £180,000).

A member of the Constructivist group, who worked in Paris during 1912 and 1913, Popova was in close contact with the more famous Vladimir Tatlin from 1913 onwards, dying aged 35 in 1924.

Two Suprematist compositions by Anna Aleksandrovna Kaganin, in which colourful circles, blocks and spikes overlap, also did well, both selling for £46,200 (estimate £30,000 to £35,000). One had been purchased by yesterday's vendor direct from the artist's estate.

Doves on hostage's birthday

Eight doves were released outside the Foreign Office in London yesterday to mark the fourth birthday that Mr John McCarthy, the journalist, has spent as a hostage in Beirut.

Two birds were freed by his friend Miss Jill Morrell, who said: "The doves are symbolic of peace. We are releasing them as a gesture of freedom in the hope of galvanizing the Foreign Office to do more."

Mr McCarthy was kidnapped in Lebanon on April 17, 1986. Miss Morrell and other supporters signed a large birthday card on which symbolic bars in front of his photograph were changed into candles. She wrote: "John, hope you can feel all our love."

Miss Morrell said: "The appointment of a new Foreign Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, should offer new hope that the Government would do more to gain John's freedom."

The Foreign Office said every lead was being followed up to secure the release of Mr McCarthy and the other hostages. Mr Hurd hopes to meet Miss Morrell "as soon as his diary permits".

Car unions given deadline for £200m engine plant

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

Executives at General Motors have given unions until next Monday to agree a new deal on working practices, including a promise to put all disputes to arbitration, or lose a £200 million investment in a new engine plant.

Mr Paul Tosch, Vauxhall's UK managing director and the key British GM executive, has told unions that negotiations covering a package of working practices must be settled within the week or the plant, worth 400 jobs, will go elsewhere.

Ellesmere Port is the potential British location for the plant, to make high-performance V6 engines for GM's European executive cars.

However, the proposed Cheshire plant, which would sit alongside the factory producing Vauxhall Astras, is competing with a site in West Germany for the investment. GM's decision to invest in the UK hinges on the unions agreeing on an end to restrictive practices and on a move to new job flexibility and putting all future disputes to arbitration.

After almost six months of talks, Mr Tosch made clear in a letter to national officers of the four main unions involved that time has now run out.

A Vauxhall spokesman confirmed last night that the stumbling blocks still under discussion included altered shift patterns and a "continuity-of-supply" agreement to end the threat of wildcat strikes.

Unions have been desperate to avoid a repeat of the embarrassing affair of last year in which Ford scrapped plans to build a £40 million electronics plant at Dundee because of squabbling between unions over who should have bargaining rights.

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British Coal to close 30 pits, says Labour

By Nigel Williamson, Political Staff

British Coal has a hit list of 30 pits for closure over the next three years that will result in 30,000 redundancies as the industry is fattened up for privatization, the Labour Party said yesterday.

Mr Frank Dobson, the shadow Secretary of State for Energy, said the jobs would be lost as a result of the Government's coal industry Bill, which paves the way for a reduction in the number of pits of about 40 per cent over three years.

Listing the pits, Mr Dobson forecast that the heaviest losses would take place in Yorkshire, where 11 pits and 7,000 jobs would go, and in Nottinghamshire, where similar numbers were involved. Many of the Nottinghamshire job losses would be among members of the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers, whose jobs have hitherto been protected as a reward for those who kept working throughout the 1984-85 strike.

Further pit closures would affect pits in Derbyshire, Lancashire, Staffordshire, south Wales and the north-east of England.

If the Opposition is right, Brtish Coal would be operating just 47 pits by 1993. British Coal's workforce would be reduced to about 50,000. Before the strike of 1984-85, it stood at 171,000.

British Coal denied a hit list existed.

Aldington jury told grave accusations need grave evidence

By Robin Young

The honour of Britain, England and the Army are not on trial in the High Court libel action brought by Lord Aldington over allegations that he is a war criminal, the judge, Mr Justice Michael Davies, said at the start of his summing up yesterday.

The jurors must be clear they were not trying the late Mr Harold Macmillan (later Lord Stockton) or Lord Aldington's commanding officer, General Sir Charles Keightley, both of whom had been accused of being major war criminals by the co-defendant in the case, the historian Count Nikolai Tolstoy.

"In a sense it would be right to say that Lord Aldington is on trial," the judge said, in that the peer accused Count Tolstoy and Mr Nigel Watts of libelling him.

The judge said it seemed unlikely that the jury's verdict would put at rest the debate that had raged for years over the forced repatriation of Cossacks and Yugoslavs from southern Austria at the end of the Second World War.

The case was the fifth or sixth he had seen described as "the libel case of the century", but it was "a most unusual case and perhaps unique" in that it dealt with events of 45 years ago.

"You have got to perform the mental gymnastics of putting yourself back in 1945," the judge said.

He told the jury that the defendants in the case, Count Tolstoy and Mr Watts, who had published a pamphlet the count had written, accepted that what they had published about Lord Aldington was "grossly defamatory" and that they had "made very grave accusations against him.

"You should look for proof commensurate with the gravity of the charges," the judge said. "Grave charges require grave evidence to support them."

Lord Aldington, the judge said, had been a gallant and brilliant soldier, awarded the DSO, "which does not come

"You have got to perform the mental gymnastics of putting yourself in 1945"

round with the rations", and promoted to be a brigadier at the age of 30, when he was the second youngest of that rank.

The jury might feel that to have followed that and his subsequent career as politician and businessman he would have to be "a tough nut" but there was perhaps an emotional streak to him as well.

Regarding Mr Watts, the judge suggested that the jury should ask themselves whether he had become obsessed with his campaign against Lord Aldington arising from the non-payment of an insurance claim by the Sun Alliance, of which the peer was chairman until 1985.

Similarly, though Count Tolstoy had achieved considerable things as a professional historian, the jury might think he had become convinced that a great wrong had been done in 1945 and had focused his feelings on Lord Aldington. "Did he become obsessed to the point where his fairness and judgement were affected?" the judge asked, reminding the jury: "One can become obsessed with perfectly genuine and good causes."

The transcript of the case filled 37 volumes, with an estimated 2,500 pages, more than 20,000 questions and answers, and well over one million words, the judge said. In addition, there were possibly 1,000 documents.

The judge said that he had taken an unusual step in asking his court official about the jury hearing the case. He said that he had been told that of the six men and six women on the jury 10 were in full-time employment, one was employed part-time, and one had duties which fully occupied that person's time. The court associate had advised him that in her opinion seven of the jurors could be said to be professional people.

The judge said that this gave the lie to ignorant and silly commentators who suggested that juries were always made up of the unemployed.

He complimented the jury on having concentrated on the case intensely.

The summing-up continues today.

Devils and the deep blue

TED BATH



Two of the Red Devils parachute team drop into the chill waters of the Thames yesterday to launch a £4 million appeal from the airborne forces for a youth training fund.

The fund, to mark the forces' golden jubilee next year, is expected to help some 4,000 young people, including many nominated by the Prince's Trust and the National Association of Boys' Clubs.

As 400 senior industrialists, sportsmen, showbusiness and political figures watched, a dispute simmered behind the scenes about war widows' pensions. Senior airborne veterans gave their wholehearted support to the campaign to give equal pensions to the widows of servicemen killed before 1973.

Brigadier James Hill, who led Three Parachute Brigade on the D-Day invasion of Normandy, said: "The war widows get a pittance compared with those women widowed in the Falklands. I cannot see why a widow from 1940 or 1944 should receive so much less. They should be brought up to date. The Government should look at it sympathetically."

Guests included Mr Denis Thatcher and Lord Whitelaw. As people gathered for lunch at the Savoy Hotel, the Deputy Colonel Commandant of the Parachute Regiment, Lieutenant General Sir Michael Gray, said there was a widespread feeling among the Paras that the pensions of older widows should be increased. "They all feel the same," he said. "They cannot understand why there is an inequality."

Corporal Annette Heaton, one of the eight Red Devils who jumped into the Thames, dropped a floral tribute of roses on to the water in memory of all the airborne forces who have lost their lives over the past 50 years.

Ministers give silent backing to war widows

By Ruth Gledhill

Between 60 and 70 members of the Government, including ministers, have backed a campaign to give all war widows equal treatment, in opposition to Government policy.

The ministers, who include some from the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Social Security, have written letters supporting the widows' cause, sources said.

A campaign led by the Officers' Pensions Society seeks the doubling of the pensions of 53,500 war widows whose husbands retired or died before 1973.

Members of the Government are unable publicly to support the campaign by signing a Commons Early Day Motion already signed by more than 70 backbenchers from all parties.

One parliamentary private secretary, who backs the campaign but has to toe the government line in public, wrote yesterday: "I regret I am not able to add my name to the early day motion.

"You will, however, be reassured to know that I will do whatever I can behind the scenes to support the case."

Another wrote that his support of previous calls for parity proved his sympathy, but his recent appointment to the Government forced him to "join the ranks of sympathizers" silenced by convention.

Two former ministers were prepared to proclaim their support yesterday as the campaign gathered momentum and threatened to become a serious embarrassment to the Government.

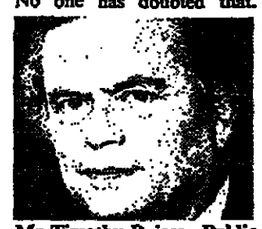
Mr Keith Speed, the former navy minister, said: "I do not accept the arguments used by the Government to oppose the issue."

He said that in 1979 had brought in a new pension that resolved another anomaly affecting servicemen's widows. "The same arguments were brought out then.

"It can be done. We did it in a matter of months. The Government should give in gracefully rather than be forced to give in. I forecast that something will happen within three to four months," he said.

Mr Timothy Raison, former Minister for Overseas Development, said the £200 million that the Government estimated was the annual cost of giving in was "not excessive".

"They are a worthy cause. No one has doubted that.



Mr Timothy Raison: Public support widows' case.

There is a strong feeling among my constituents and elsewhere that this would be the right thing to do," he said.

MPs who have signed the motion are:

Jack Ashley (Lab) Stoke-on-Trent S; Joseph Ashton (Lab) Bassetlaw; Jack Aspinwall (Con) Wansdyke; Harry Barnes (Lab) Derbyshire NE; Andrew Bowden (Con) Brighton Kemptown; Norman Buchan (Lab) Paisley S; George Buckley (Lab) Hemsworth; John Cartwright (SDP) Woolwich; Tom Cox (Lab) Tooting; Lawrence Cunliffe (Lab) Leigh; Terry Davis (Lab) Hodge Hill; Tim Devlin (Con) Stockton S; Dick Douglas (Lab) Dunfermline W; Hugh Dykes (Con) Harrow E.

John Evans (Lab) St Helens N; Ronnie Fearn (Lib Dem) Southport; Roger Gale (Con) Thanet N; Canal Gregory (Con) York; Peter Hardy (Lab) Wentworth; Robert Hicks (Con) Cornwall SE; Norman Hogg (Lab) Cumbernauld and Kilsyth; John Hughes (Lab) Coventry NE; Robert Hughes (Lab) Aberdeen N; Charles Irving (Con) Cheltenham; Greville Janner (Lab) Leicester W; David Knox (Con) Moorlands; David Lambie (Lab) Cunninghame S; Ted Leadbitter (Lab) Hartlepool; Neil Macfarlane (Con) Sutton and Cheam; David Martin (Con) Portsmouth S; Michael Mates (Con) Hampshire E; William McKelvey (DUP) Ulster Mid; Allen McKay (Lab) Barnsley W and Penistone; John McWilliam (Lab) Blaydon.

Alan Meale (Lab) Mansfield; Alan Michael (Lab) Cardiff and Penarth; Ian Mills (Con) Meriden; Alfred Morris (Lab/Co-op) Wythenshawe; Michael Morris (Con) Northampton S; David Nicholson (Con) Taunton; Gordon Oakes (Lab) Halifax; Sir David Price (Con) Eastleigh; Tim Rathbone (Con) Lewes; Jonathan Sayeed (Con) Bristol E; Chris Smith (Lab) Islington S and Finsbury; Timothy Smith (Con) Beaconsfield; Martin Smyth (UUP) Belfast S; David Steel (Lib Dem) Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale; Neil Thorne (Con) Ilford S; Keith Vaz (Lab) Leicester E; James Wallace (Lib Dem) Orkney and Shetland; Sir Dennis Walters (Con) Westbury; John Ward (Con) Poole; Dafydd Wigley (Pl Cymru) Caernarfon; Alan Williams (Lab) Carmarthen.

MPs who have signed the motion with amendments are:

Graham Allen (Lab) Nottingham N; John Battle (Lab) Leeds W; Frank Cook (Lab) Stockton N; Jeremy Corbyn (Lab) Islington N; John McAllion (Lab) Dundee E; William McKelvey (Lab) Kilmarnock and Loudoun; David Nellist (Lab) Coventry SE; Peter Pike (Lab) Burnley; Ernie Ross (Lab) Dundee W; Dennis Skinner (Lab) Bolsover.

Teacher shortages

Part-time schooling 'on way'

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

Most children will get only part-time schooling by the middle of the next decade because of chronic teacher shortages, a teachers' union leader said yesterday.

Mr Fred Smithies, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, said a report commissioned by the union showed that shortages would be far worse than officially predicted.

The Government has said that it expects to be at least 15,000 teachers short by the mid-1990s but the union study, by the Institute of Manpower Studies, predicted at least 60,000 unfilled teaching posts by 1997.

The report, *Supply of Teachers — A National Model of the 1990s*, said that, on reasonable assumptions, there would be 50,000 fewer secondary teachers and 10,000 fewer primary teachers in 1997 than there were in 1987.

Projections of the numbers of pupils indicated that in the period 1991-2000 they would increase by more than 500,000 in primary schools and in secondary schools by 365,000.



Mr Smithies: "Shortages in almost every subject."

Mr Smithies said: "There are shortages in almost every subject. Unless action is taken very soon, there will be part-time education for the majority of children in our schools. The three-day school week or morning/afternoon education will become a reality."

The report's publication coincided with an announcement of details of the Government's articled teachers scheme, under which graduates will be paid to train as teachers "on the job".

In the first year of a two-year course their salary will be £5,000 (£6,000 in London) rising to £6,000 (£7,000 in London) in the second year.

The union report underlined the need for such action by its prediction that by 1992 the average age of teachers would have risen to 40-45, from 35-40 in 1987. By the year 2007, it would be 45-55.

Saatchi denies tricking the art world over sale

By Daniel Treisman

Mr Charles Saatchi, the usually reticent advertising executive and art collector, broke his customary silence yesterday to deny claims that he tricked the art world by secretly selling paintings that an artist believed would be bequeathed to the Tate Gallery.

The charge was made on Sunday by the abstract painter Mr Sean Scully, based in New York, who called Mr Saatchi a "superdealer" who "used the language of culture to perpetrate a trick" and "legitimize his investment". Nine of Mr Scully's works, which the artist thought would one day end up in the Tate, were later sold by Mr Saatchi to a Swedish dealer.

In a statement issued on Mr Saatchi's behalf, the millionaire collector said that while he had been briefly introduced to Mr Scully, he had "never had any conversation with him or his dealers about his future plans for his paintings". "If Mr Scully is keen to have his paintings donated to the Tate, why does he not donate them himself?" he said.

Mr Nicholas Serota, director of the Tate Gallery, confirmed that there had been no formal discussions between the gallery and Mr Saatchi.

The dispute follows months of anxious rumours among artists and dealers concerned about the future of the world's largest and finest collection of contemporary art.

Mr Saatchi, who has sold an estimated 70 to 100 works in the last six months for up to £1 million each, said in the statement: "The collection is being pruned in order to make it more concentrated, and to enable its growth to be self-financing." A spokeswoman for the Saatchi Collection said the money raised by the sales would go towards buying new art and running the Boundary Road gallery, where the works are displayed to the public at no charge.

"Mr Saatchi has got to be an astute businessman, so he can continue to collect." Spiralling art prices had forced him into making difficult choices. "It's getting more and more expensive, we can't collect the way we used to. It's a good time to sell." Mr Saatchi's commitment to the collection was not in doubt, however.

PORTFOLIO PLATINUM

Winner to give away her £250

Mrs Vicky Tod, a hospice social worker from Selly Oak, Birmingham, will give away her entire £250 share of the latest Portfolio Platinum prize.

"It's something I didn't plan to get, so I think other people should enjoy it," Mrs Tod, who lives with her husband Robert, a retired civil servant, said. "I've got a nice long list drawn up."

She will divide the winnings among family members, charities, and the hospice where she works as a counsellor for families coming to terms with bereavement. "I might buy a drink out of it for myself."

She shares the £2,000 prize with: Mr Robert Steel, of Swansea, Mrs Sally Westmacott, of Stanmore, Middlesex, Mr Brian A Creed, of Cullompton, Devon, Mr J P Brookes, of London, Mr Rathael Roughan, of Liphook, Hampshire, Mr Maurice Logie, of Hamilton, Scotland, and Mr Nigel Fisher, of Hailsham, East Sussex.

Each will receive £250.

Boarding cards for InterCity

By Michael Dynes, Transport Correspondent

British Rail yesterday dismissed suggestions that the introduction of boarding passes at Christmas would lead to a long-term ban on commuters standing in overcrowded trains.

Under the scheme, passengers using busy InterCity services from Euston, King's Cross and Paddington stations in London will not be allowed to board trains without a pass.

BR said the experimental introduction of the cards was designed to help channel demand for particular services in an effort to reduce overcrowding. The cards, available free from BR ticket offices and commercial travel agents, are linked to the computerized seat reservation system.

Boarding controls will apply to all InterCity services from King's Cross between December 20 and 23, all trains to Scotland on December 27 and 28, some InterCity services from Euston on December 22 and23, and long-distance services to the West from Paddington between December 20 and 23.

BR is planning an extra 130,000 seats on 320 additional trains over the Christmas and New Year period. "We feel this is the best system to control the number of passengers," BR said. "But there is no suggestion that this is the start of a seat ban or an attempt to drive passengers off busy InterCity services."

No trains will run on Christmas Day, although on Boxing Day there will be a limited service between London Victoria and Gatwick Airport, and between London St Pancras and Luton.

Network SouthEast services will operate to a Saturday timetable on New Year's Day, when there will be no trains in Scotland except for a limited service between London and Edinburgh. Passengers should check before travelling.

CPS official jailed for bribes

Drunk drivers were able to get their cases dropped by bribing a prosecution service official, an Old Bailey judge was told yesterday.

Kulwinder Bahchu, aged 26, approached nine defendants. Five each paid him £1,000, Mr David Paget said for the prosecution.

Bahchu, who worked as an administrative officer at the Acton branch of the Crown Prosecution Service in West London, was trapped after one defendant told the police.

Jailing Bahchu for 18 months, Judge Gerber said: "This is a most serious offence.

"It goes to the very route of our judicial system. In this country we take great pride in the fact that those connected with the judicial process at all times act with integrity, honesty and without even a taint of corruption. This is true from the highest judge down to the lowest clerk."

The men who paid bribes were Shefiqur Rahman, from Wembley, Jagdev Tatla, from Hayes, west London, Madatali Hirani, from Willesden, north London; Azin Karim, from Sudbury, north-west London, and Ali Hassan, from Greenford, west London. They all admitted perverting the course of justice.

Karim was fined £750, Rahman, Tatla and Hirani were all jailed for 9 months suspended for two years and Hassan was ordered to do 120 hours' community service.

Employers defend Christmas shutdown

By Tim Jones
Employment Affairs Correspondent

The spectre of a work-shy Britain falling into a prolonged Christmas siesta while the rest of Europe and the world conspire to work us into Third World status was dismissed yesterday by three leading employers' organizations.

Although much of British industry will be effectively closed down from Friday, December 22 until Tuesday, January 2, while workers in France and America have only Christmas Day and New Year's Day off, the organizations said that comparisons were misleading.

A spokesman for the Confederation of British Industry said that, traditionally, many British workers saved part of their four-week holiday entitlement for the Christmas period.

"This idea that a lot of business is lost because of the Christmas break does not stand up. Companies are well aware of what is happening and make sure their stocks and orders take account of it."

He added: "This story could be written annually about France, which is virtually closed down for the whole of August."

The spokesman said that, in addition, it seemed to be forgotten that British workers enjoyed far fewer public holidays than most of their Continental counterparts.

The Institute of Directors, whose 31,000 members employ about 10 million workers, also refused to criticize the great Christmas closure. "Our message to companies is to make sure they have someone on station to answer the telephone and take orders.

"The Christmas shut-down is not something we are pushing as an issue. We have always said the important thing is to ensure the office is manned by someone who can handle queries and orders."

The Engineering Employers' Federation said it was uneconomical for many companies to shut down for Christmas, then open up and shut down again for the New Year.

The Ford motor company agreed that it would be uneconomical to have a stop-start period of production.

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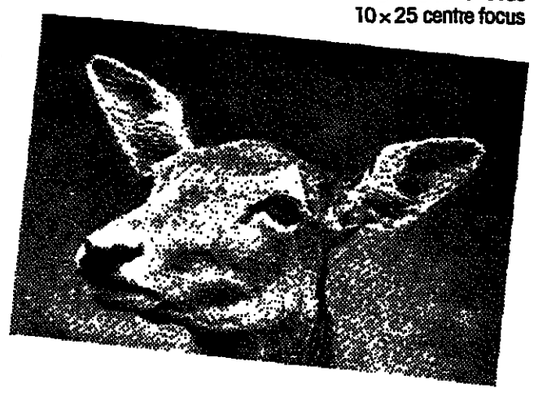
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Peers predict droughts and hurricanes from greenhouse effect

By Nicholas Wood
Political Correspondent

Britain could suffer more snowstorms, droughts and hurricanes because of the greenhouse effect, an influential all-party committee of peers says today in a detailed report on global warming.

The peers say one result of atmospheric change could be an increase in anticyclones over Western Europe with fewer warm westerly winds and more easterlies bringing cold in winter and dry warmth in summer.

"It is therefore conceivable that the British Isles could become colder in winter, with a larger number of heavy snowfalls, and drier in summer with an increased frequency of droughts." Higher sea temperatures could also lead to more tropical storms such as hurricanes in northerly latitudes.

The projected rise in the sea level of some tens of centimetres over the next 50 years will also leave the United Kingdom more vulnerable to a repetition of the North Sea storm surge that flooded eastern England in 1953, the report adds.

The House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology concludes that on the basis of present, uncertain scientific evidence, world mean temperature will rise by 1.5 to 4.5°C at some time after 2030.

The world cannot afford to wait for proof before taking action to remedy the process because by that time it will be too late. "Action, by way of insurance or 'no regrets' policies, is therefore needed in advance of obtaining clear proof that a global warming due to enhanced greenhouse gas concentrations is occurring.

"Such policies – whether aimed at limiting greehouse gas emissions or mitigating the possible consequences of global warming – will involve difficult political decisions and will require a firm base of scientific knowledge."

The peers recommend an intensive programme of research at home and abroad to determine the scale of the threat and the adoption of targets, both by the UK and by the international community, for reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, the most serious of which is thought to be carbon dioxide. The foundation of such a move should be a United Nations Climate Convention, but before it can be agreed every country, including the UK, must plan to reduce its own contribution to the greenhouse effect.

Practical measures endorsed by the committee for domestic action include development of the lean-burn engine for motor cars, which is favoured by the Government, and, more surprisingly given recent developments, a continuing place for nuclear power.

It also urges the Government to commit itself to £50 million over five years as the UK contribution to ERS-2, the European Space Agency's planned replacement for its first satellite designed to monitor the earth's oceans. "So far as contributing to the greenhouse effect is concerned, engine size and revolutions per minute (rpm) both affect fuel efficiency and hence the level of emissions. Lean burn engines could be some 10 per cent more efficient than conventional ones."

The report urges the Government to reconsider its decision to close the Dounreay prototype fast-breeder reactor by 1994.

"Nuclear power is the only proven technology for large-scale power generation that does not add to the greenhouse effect... the committee consider that the problem of carbon dioxide emissions (37 per cent of which come from power stations) lends a new dimension for keeping the Dounreay PFR going." The committee also endorses the view of its Commons counterpart that measures inteoded to promote the efficient use of energy and its conservation are the cheapest and quickest way of curbing carbon dioxide emissions.

Some of the measures recommended by the committee have already been adopted by the Government. For instance, the Prime Minister announced to the UN General Assembly earlier this month funding of £5.5 million a year for a climate modelling centre based at the Meteorological Office at Bracknell in Berkshire.

With other European countries, Britain has committed itself to stabilizing emissions of carbon dioxide from coal-burning power stations and car exhausts by the year 2000 "at the latest". It also proposed last May that the UN Environment Project start preparatory work on a climate convention. Serious negotiation on this is expected to begin after the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reports next year.

The research effort directed at getting early warning of change should include better computer modelling of the world's weather, better understanding of climate and atmospheric chemistry, and monitoring of features such as polar ice cover, sea level and temperature, and atmospheric temperature, the report says.

House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology. Sixth Report. Greenhouse Effect. (Stationery Office; £7.20).

Five sites found for multi-purpose forest of 30 million trees

By Craig Seton

The Countryside Commission yesterday revealed a shortlist of five possible locations in the Midlands for a new national forest of 30 million trees.

It would be the first to be created for other than commercial reasons and would cover an area of 150 square miles over 30 years, rivalling the New Forest in size.

The plan for the multi-purpose forest of mixed trees was hailed by the commission as a bold and dramatic commitment to the environment which would help create a beautiful new landscape, rich in wildlife.

The five sites named yesterday are loosely based on some of England's former ancient forests and have been shortlisted as "areas of search" for a final location, which will be announced next summer. The commission has launched a three-month period of consultation with farmers, landowners, and local authorities to discuss the provision of land, essential for the proposal to go ahead.

The areas of search, are:

- 330 square miles around the Forest of Arden between Birmingham and Coventry;
- 390 square miles around the Needwood Forest, Staffordshire, and Charnwood Forest, Leicestershire, and also on the borders of Derbyshire and Warwickshire;
- 240 square miles, mostly in north-east Northamptonshire, stretching into south-east Leicestershire, around Rockingham Forest;
- 330 square miles around Sherwood Forest, Nottinghamshire, extending into east Derbyshire;
- 290 square miles around the Wyre Forest and Severn Valley, stretching from Droitwich, Hereford and Worcester, towards Telford, Shropshire.

Sir Derek Barber, chairman of the commission, said in Birmingham yesterday that it was estimated the new forest could cost about £4 million a year over 30 years. "I think it is one of the most dramatic ideas we have had and we have done enough work on it to really believe it is going to be a practical proposition.

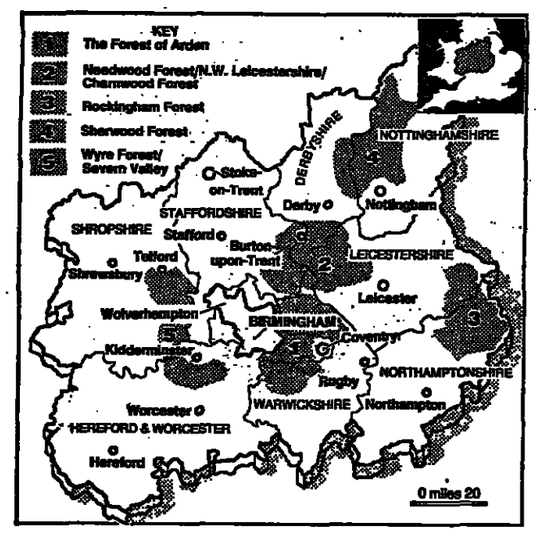
"It is an opportunity for Britain to lead by example when we are asking other countries to conserve their own forests."

The Midlands had been chosen because it was the heart of the country, with large centres of population in an area with limited scope for countryside recreation.

Sir Derek said that only about half of the 150 square miles that was proposed for the new forest would be covered by trees. The location would be a blend of woods, fields, towns, villages and industrial use.

He said the forest would have a high proportion of broadleaved species, but would also produce a harvestable timber crop with room for commercial forestry.

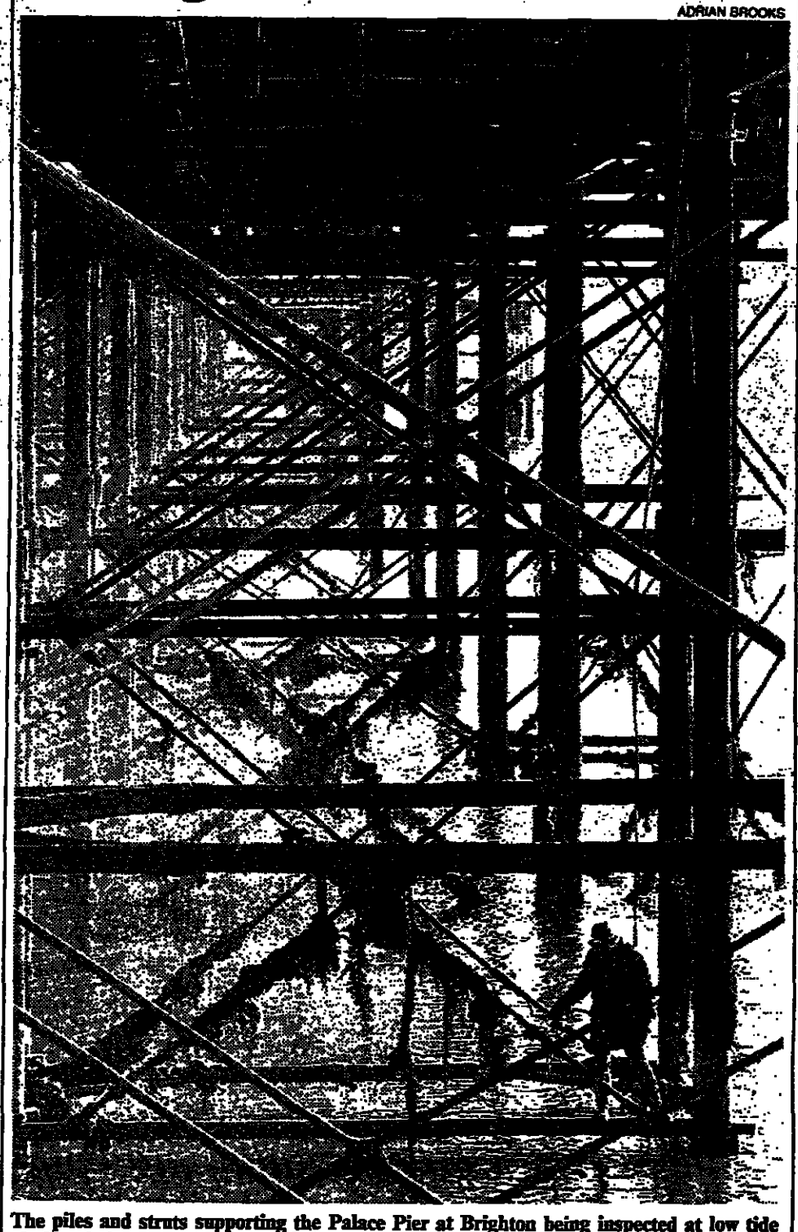
Mr Chris Patten, the Secretary of State for the Environment, had told the Commission that it was a "bold and far-reaching proposal".



The proposed sites shortlisted for a new national forest.

Pier gets its winter clean

ADRIAN BROOKS



The piles and struts supporting the Palace Pier at Brighton being inspected at low tide before their annual clean-up and the removal of seaweed, fishing nets and other jetsam.

Deal to liberalize air routes to US may be achieved

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

Hopes are rising in Whitehall that the long-running problem of how to allow more transatlantic flights from Manchester and other regional airports could be solved in three days of talks due to start in London tomorrow between British and American government officials.

Proposals have been formulated which could head off a threatened European court action by Manchester airport, whose managers believe its development is being stifled.

No meetings between the two sides have been held for almost a year while airlines on both sides of the Atlantic have pressed for greater access both to regional airports in Britain and to more cities in the United States.

British Airways and Virgin Atlantic are the only British airlines allowed to fly to up to 22 "gateway" cities in the US, while American carriers are confined to Prestwick and the main London airports.

Britain wants more use of regional airports to avoid the growing congestion at Heathrow and Gatwick. It is prepared to allow US airlines to use Manchester and an unspecified number of regional airports, such as Birmingham, Bristol and Glasgow, in return for more British carriers being able to compete on transatlantic routes and better access to the growing "hinterland" traffic handled by US airlines.

American carriers can feed traffic to the international gateway airports from smaller cities, from which British airlines are excluded.

Under the deal, if the US accepts it, Manchester would first become an initial "designated" gateway, enabling British airlines such as British Midland and Air Europe to begin competing services to America and giving airlines from both sides freedom to decide which other regional airports in Britain justified a scheduled transatlantic service.

British Airways would also be allowed to extend its marketing agreement with United Airlines so that its flights could be timed to coincide with United's big internal network and also to sell through-flights to many American cities from London as if they were BA's own, despite a change of aircraft.

British negotiators will also make a longer-term proposal for transatlantic flights to be conducted in the same way as those to many parts of Europe and the Far East, with airlines free to decide on airports and, within limits, fares.

British attack on restrictions could revolutionize travel across Atlantic

The proposals, which could revolutionize transatlantic air travel, now hedged with intergovernment restrictions, would end designated airports. They are, however, certain to be contested by the Americans, who have tried to protect their carriers on transatlantic flights, which carry 10 million passengers a year.

British officials have, however, drawn up proposals that they believe should be acceptable. Under them, American carriers would be free to operate short-haul services from British "hubs" into Europe once the single market starts after 1992 in return for access to smaller US cities.

Planning controls 'fuel North-South divide'

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

Controls on development and land use account for up to half the difference in house prices between the South and North of England, according to an investigation by the Economic and Social Research Council.

It says house prices in south-east England would be up to one-fifth lower than at present if planners imposed no restrictions on building.

The study, carried out by a team at Reading University, indicated that if town and country planning regulations were lifted more people could afford their own homes. The total proportion of owner occupiers could increase to 71 per cent, compared with just over 66 per cent now.

The research report concludes: "Restrictive planning policies have considerably increased the North-South differential since 1984."

Without planning restrictions there would be a significant increase in the land used for housing, but the researchers show it would not mean the South-east being concreted over. The proportion of the South-east occupied by urban development would rise from about 20 per cent of the total land area to about 30 per cent.

Student loans

'Boycott could kill scheme'

By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter

An orchestrated campaign of boycotts against financial institutions taking part in the Government's student loans scheme could destroy delicate negotiations with education ministers, banking sources said yesterday.

Already Lloyds, the Clydesdale, and the Bank of Scotland have pulled out of negotiations with the Government over plans to have the banks administer a student loan scheme, fully funded by the Department of Education and Science.

Yesterday Warwick University student union said that it was to withdraw its £2 million from the National Westminster Bank – which is still involved in negotiations – as the first stage in a National Union of Students campaign against the proposals.

In addition, the students' union in west Scotland said it was planning to withdraw its account from the TSB. A source at the Midland Bank said that the campaign could "bring negotiations down in a bloody great heap."

At NatWest, the market leader in student accounts with 42 per cent of the market, an official said that "any agreement with the Government looks a long way off".

The banks, which are expected to administer a scheme to lend students about £1,200 over three years at a zero real rate of interest, are concerned that the £12 handling fee offered to advise and register each student might not yield enough profit to offset bad publicity among undergraduates.

The unions at York, Loughborough, the London School of Economics, and Glasgow universities have announced that they will switch bank accounts to one which does not participate in the loan scheme. They are expected to be joined by other unions at other universities.

£510,000 damages for girl

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

A girl who was severely disabled at birth was awarded £510,000 agreed damages at the High Court in London yesterday.

For Rebecca Cullen, aged 11, it was claimed the cerebral palsy she suffered at birth was caused by medical negligence.

Her father Mr Paul Cullen, of Canvey Island, Essex, suing on her behalf, claimed that doctors and midwives at Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup, Kent, did not give her mother proper attention at the birth in October 1978.

Mr Adrian Whitfield, QC, for Rebecca, said that, although she was left "grievously crippled" physically, she had "considerable intelligence, great courage and a strong sense of humour".

By consent, Mr Justice Morland gave judgement, with costs, against Bexley Health Authority, which is responsible for the hospital. Liability was not admitted. Rebecca's parents will receive £70,000 of the award for the cost of caring for her to date.

Mr Whitfield said she had difficulty using her hands and arms and could only stagger. She could type and write slowly but her brain remained intact and active and she was a "very independent-minded young lady".

Murder trial is told of baby's injuries

A boy aged seven months may have been shaken so violently that it caused the rupturing found in blood vessels in his eyes, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Other bloodspots found in Christopher Palmer's eyes were "consistent with something being pressed into the eyes – like fingers", said Dr Iain West, pathologist at Guy's Hospital, London.

Dr West was giving evidence in the trial of the baby's teenage mother and stepfather, Celia Palmer and Danny Palmer, who are accused of battering Christopher to death.

The baby died from "terrible injuries" and a fractured skull, possibly caused by a rounders bat, on December 7, the prosecution says.

Celia Palmer, aged 18, and Danny Palmer, aged 17, of Brownswood Road, Finsbury Park, north London, deny charges of murder and child cruelty.

Dr West said bruises found on the baby's chest could have been caused by someone "shaking him violently so his head thrashes back and forth".

His wrists had been broken by the use of "considerable force", the pathologist said.

The child died from pneumonia, which developed after his skull was fractured in three places. The fractures measured a total of 10in.

"It is highly improbable he would have survived that type of fracture and the associated brain damage even without developing pneumonia," Dr West said.

The pathologist said that two of the fractures could have been caused by slamming the baby against a wall. The fracture at the back of his head might have been caused by an object such as a bannister rail.

The case continues today.

Government 'killing estuaries'

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

The Government was accused yesterday by a leading conservationist body of "positively encouraging" the destruction of Britain's river estuaries, which provide a home each winter for hundreds of thousands of migrating birds.

Mr Ian Prestt, director-general of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, said the estuaries were "suffering death by a thousand cuts" from various kinds of development, pollution, land reclamation, rubbish dumping and other disturbance. Mr Phil Rothwell, the RSPB's coastal policy officer, said that a survey just completed of 123 of Britain's most important estuaries found that 80 were under some degree of threat and 28 in imminent danger of permanent damage.

Among the estuaries the RSPB considers most at risk are Strangford Lough, Portsmouth Harbour, the Thames, the Swale, the Medway, Poole Harbour, the Exe, the Tees, the North Norfolk Marshes, Langstone Harbour, the Severn and the Humber. "A total of 54 estuarine sites meet the criteria for special protection measures under the European Community directive on birds and the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance, but the Government has only designated 17 of them for such protection. This is a pathetically low figure for a Government which calls itself 'green'", Mr Rothwell said.

"We would welcome some sign from the Government that it takes its international obligations seriously."

Electronic 'buscard' may displace tickets

By Nick Nuttall
Technology Correspondent

Commuters in Milton Keynes may soon be using "buscards" to go to the cinema or pay for goods in shops. They may also be able to pay their fares on credit.

An electronic card, the so-called "ticket-for-life", has been introduced by the city's bus company, which is expected to replace paper tickets and conventional travelcards.

Over 20,000 of the buscards will be issued to local commuters over the next few months as part of the biggest "smart card" scheme of its kind in the world.

The cards, which hold a microprocessor and a microchip memory carrying details of the traveller's available funds and any local council concessions, are scanned by special machines on the buses.

If the scheme proves successful, it could become a blueprint for electronic systems throughout Britain.

Mr Mike Conroy, of Milton Keynes Bus Company, said the electronic ticketing had several advantages. "Commuters will each have one ticket that will never need replacing unless it is damaged or stolen. You just have it recharged or revalidated by the driver when the funds on the card are used up."

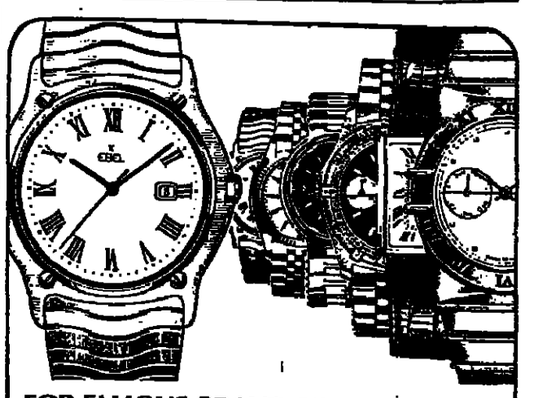
The bus company is also examining the feasibility of direct debiting of ticket-holders' bank accounts when the smart cards are recharged. Lost or stolen cards will be put on a computerized "botlist" and automatically barred. A hand-held card reader will settle disputes between bus inspectors and passengers.

The technology, which is being supplied by Traveltech Ltd of Cheltenham, may also allow commuters to pay for their fares on credit. Outstanding accounts could be settled at the end of the month.

The bus company is also examining the feasibility of commuters using their bus tickets to buy goods and services at shops and entertainment centres.

The system would allow local authorities and bus operators to keep track of concessionary fares issued to children, pensioners and the disabled.

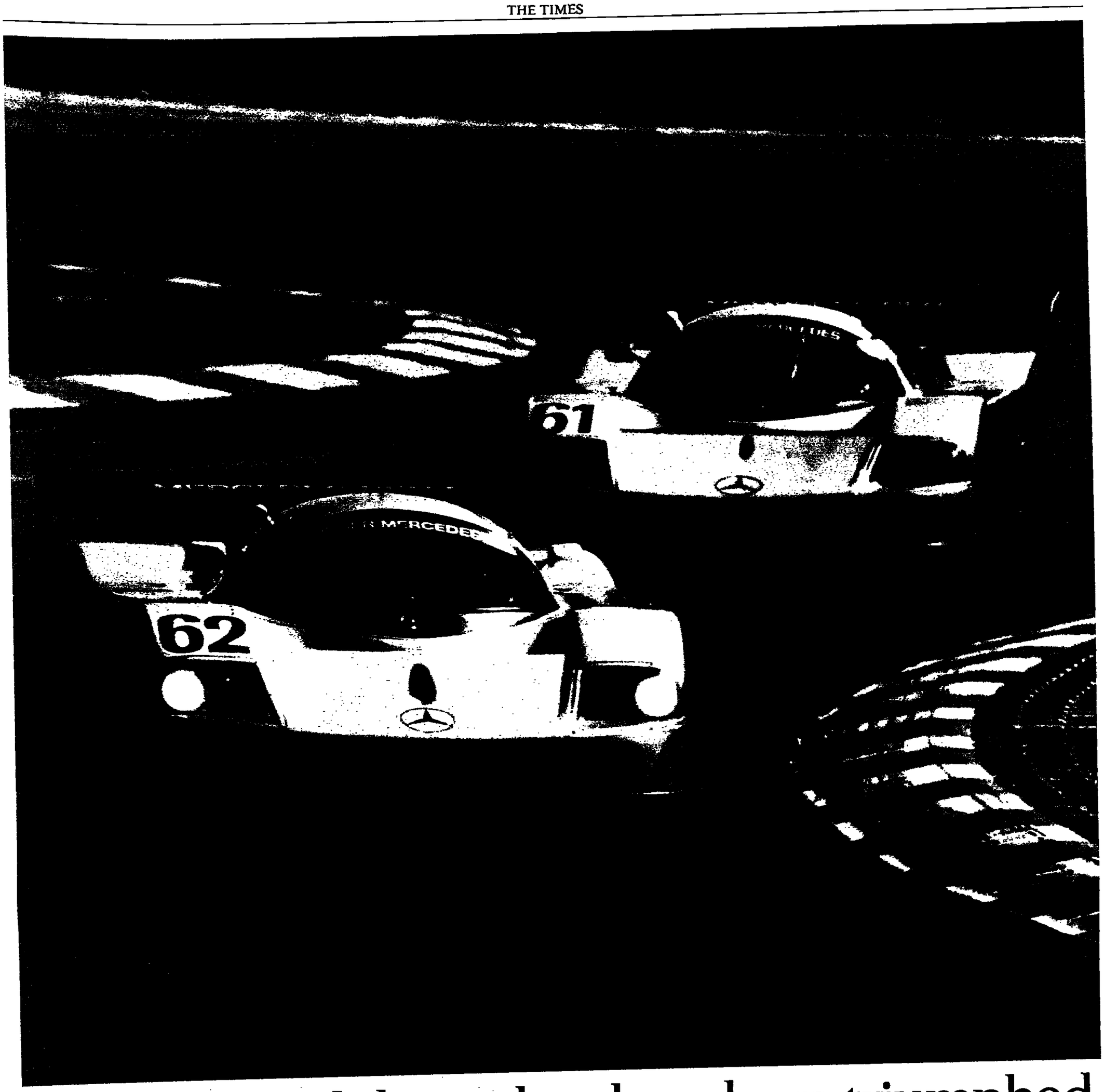
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MPs likely to call Mackay in dispute over legal blunders

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Lord Chancellor could face court proceedings in an attempt to resolve a long-running dispute as to whether the Ombudsman can investigate complaints about mistakes or incompetence by court officials.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern or one of his senior officials is expected to be called before a Select Committee of MPs soon in an attempt to sort out whether the Ombudsman has such jurisdiction.

The Lord Chancellor takes the view of previous Lord Chancellors, that mistakes by court officials cannot be investigated by the Ombudsman, or Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration.

The Ombudsman, Sir Anthony Barrowclough, QC, however, believes his jurisdiction does extend to duties carried out by court officials on the grounds that they are done in their administrative capacity on behalf of the Lord Chancellor's Department.

Sir Anthony has now obtained a legal opinion to support his view, but the Lord Chancellor's Department, whose view is also supported by a legal opinion, is believed to be maintaining its stance. The matter is now to be referred to the Select Committee on the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration under Sir Anthony Buck, MP. If the dispute cannot then be resolved and a compromise reached, a court ruling may have to be sought.

At the beginning of this year, Lord Mackay was called to give evidence before the committee after Sir Anthony said there had beene no progress on the issue since April 1987.

Lord Mackay repeated the view that the court's administrative functions were not part of the administrative functions of his department: "The court is independent."

The Lord Chancellor and his predecessors have maintained that the work of court officials is carried out under the control of judges who run the courts and therefore cannot be scrutinized in the way that other governmental officials can be.

Lord Mackay, however, told the committee that he and his staff would investigate complaints by MPs into things that go wrong in the courts and, if appropriate, pay compensation.

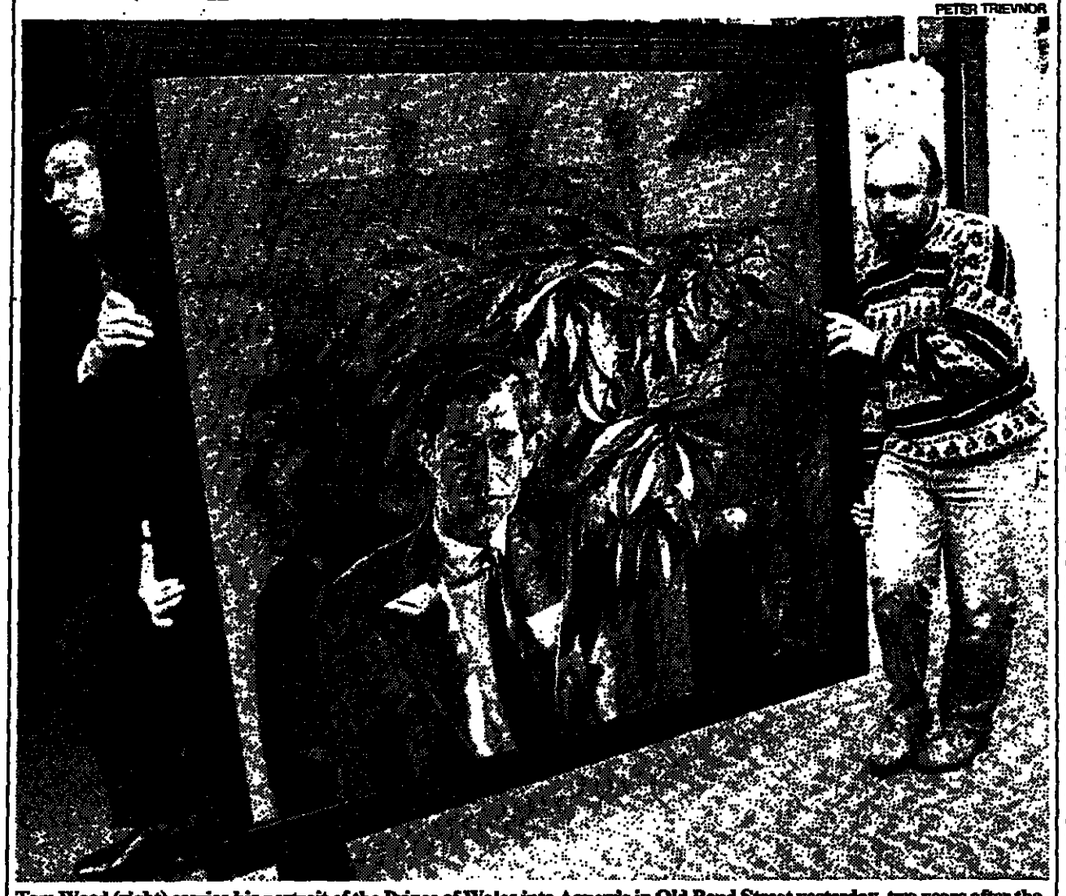
This has not satisfied the Ombudsman or his staff. Mr Donald Allen, deputy commissioner, said: "For some years, the view of this office has been that actions of Lord Chancellor Department staff in the county courts and superior courts ought to be within our jurisdiction."

In a separate move, the Law Society, which deals with complaints from solicitors throughout the country about the errors made by overburdened court staff, plans to table an amendment to the Courts and Legal Services Bill, to be published next month. That would aim to put into statute that the Ombudsman's jurisdiction did extend to court staff.

Mr Andrew Lockley, director, legal sevices, said: "There is no serious check upon the maladministration that goes on in the courts; they are able to ignore perfectly proper complaints from the public or a professional organization such as ours, secure in the knowledge that maladministration will not be looked into."

The prince in all his greenery

PETER TRIEVNOR



Tom Wood (right) carries his portrait of the Prince of Wales into Agnew's in Old Bond Street yesterday, two years after the Prince saw the Yorkshire artist's paintings and commissioned the work. Wood's London exhibition is on until December 15.

16-stone sacked PC appeals for his job

A 26-year-old policeman dismissed for being overweight asked the Court of Appeal for his job back yesterday. Police Constable Andrew Cotton was almost 19 stone when he was ordered to lose weight or lose his post. He lost more than two-and-a-half stone in six months. But at 16 stone Thames Valley Police Force decided he was still overweight and dismissed him.

He is asking Lord Justice Slade, sitting with Lord Justices Stocker and Bingham for a judicial review of the decision in October 1986 to dispense with his services.

Mr Cotton, of White Lion Park, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, wants the court to quash the decision of the deputy chief constable, order his reinstatement, and be recompensed for distress and loss of earnings.

His counsel, Mr John Samuels, QC, said when Mr Cotton joined the force he weighed about 16 stones. Within two years his weight went up to 18st 10lb. He failed physical fitness tests, including a stamina run. But six months later his weight was back to 16 stone and he completed the run well within the time.

His action for reinstatement in the High Court in October last year failed. The hearing continues today.

Solicitors press for big rise in legal aid

Solicitors doing criminal legal aid work have lodged a pay claim for a 21 per cent rise in the present round of talks between the Law Society and Lord Chancellor's Department (Frances Gibb writes).

The claim, likely to be strongly resisted by the Lord Chancellor's Department, is based on a new index of solicitors' costs, agreed with the department, which showed an overall rise of 14.7 per cent for 1989.

The Law Society maintains that a 21 per cent award is the minimum needed to cover increased costs this year and to make up for ground lost last year, when practitioners were awarded a flat 6 per cent increase.

The society is also seeking an extra 12 per cent in the present London weighting allowance of 3.8 per cent. This is needed, it says, to cover the higher cost of employing staff in the capital, where, according to the 1989 New Earnings Survey, costs are up to 25 per cent higher than elsewhere.

Even if granted the full 21 per cent award, most criminal legal aid practitioners would not be put in profit, the Law Society says, and the rise would merely be a "first step on the road towards establishing appropriate levels of remuneration for the work".

The Law Society maintains that solicitors are giving up criminal legal aid work or having to subsidize it heavily from other areas of work.

A study by Touche Ross, the accountancy practice, the Law Society and the Lord Chancellor's Department last year showed that only 40 per cent of London firms and 33 per cent of provincial ones could make a profit from legal aid. The Lord Chancellor's Department, however, says that the number of legal aid offices receiving payments has increased.

In the *Law Society's Gazette* this week, an article says the society considers that "a further real cut in income for practitioners would be an unsustainable assault on the national network of legal advice".

Union call to report Sunday law flouters

By David Sapsted

Reformers calling for changes in Sunday trading laws yesterday predicted that a union's campaign to force prosecutions of stores flouting the law would backfire.

The Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers (Usdaw) had urged its members to flood local councils yesterday with formal complaints about stores that had broken the confused laws on Sunday trading this past weekend. The move followed a ruling by the European Court of Justice last week that put the onus on British courts to resolve the Sunday trading dilemma.

Usdaw said yesterday that several large retailers in Manchester and Leeds had been reported. But there was no evidence of scores of stores being reported.

The Shopping Hours Reform Council, set up to liberalize the law that makes it a criminal offence to sell the Bible on a Sunday but not a set of spark plugs, said yesterday that it believed the union's campaign could force the Government to legislate on the issue.

"If this campaign is successful and people suddenly find stores closing on Sunday, the pressure could build up to force the changes that are so badly needed. At the moment, it is just a mess," a spokesman said.

Both local authority associations and the Institute of Trading Standards Administration (ITSA), whose members are responsible for enforcing the law, yesterday repeated calls for clarifying legislation. The Home Office said that no practicable compromises on Sunday trading had emerged, though the Government remained committed to changes to bring "sense and consistency" to the controls.

Families wanted for home life survey

By David Walker, Public Administration Correspondent

Twelve thousand volunteers willing to disclose private information about their bank accounts and domestic behaviour anonymously are being sought for one of the biggest social inquiries in Britain.

The project, focusing on family money, has enthusiastic backing from Whitehall. Questions will be asked about people's beliefs and values but researchers will avoid the controversial territory of sexual behaviour.

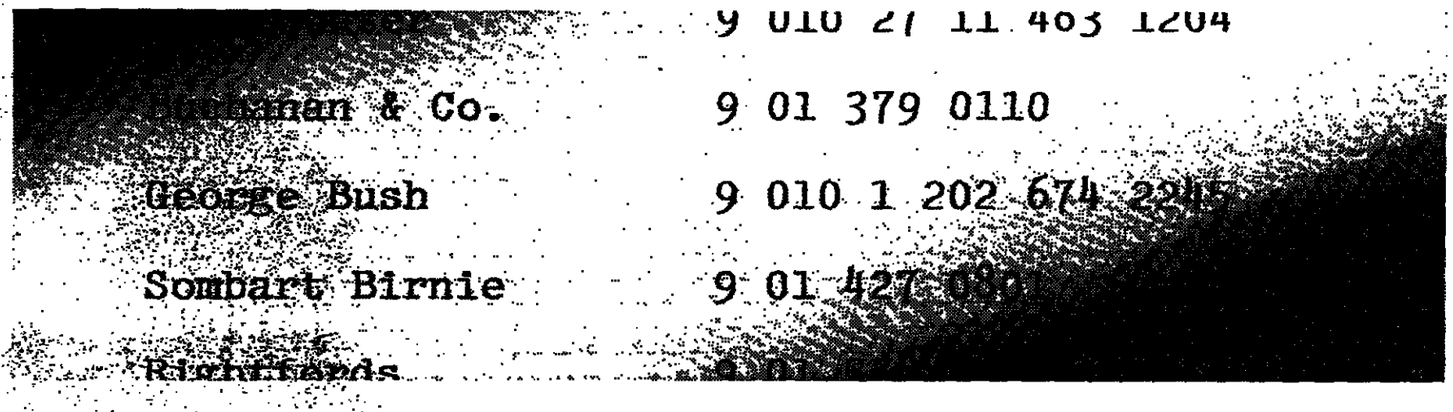
The Economic and Social Research Council is to fund the project to track 5,000 families over the next 10 years to find out how much people spend and save, what is happening to the respective roles of men and women in households, and answers to many other questions.

A team is being assembled at Essex University to process interview data each year. The same questions will be asked annually until 2000 to give a complete picture of how family life changes. The project could cost £7 million but the council may recoup some costs by selling findings to market research firms.

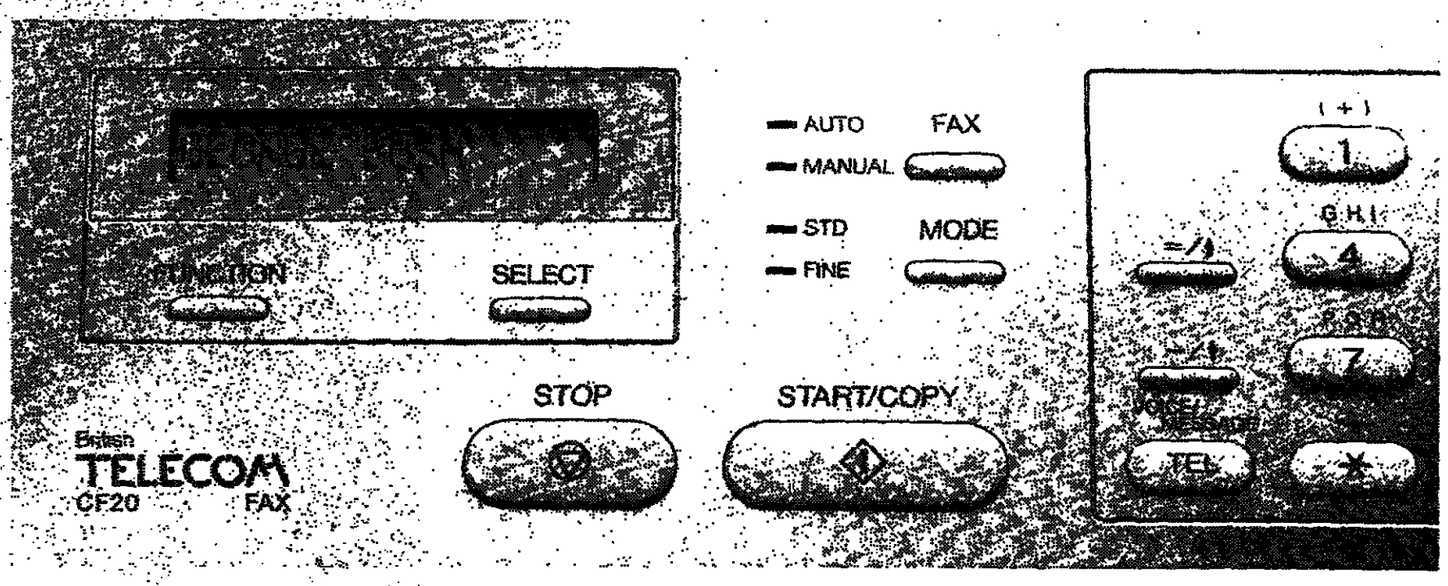
The project's director, Professor Tony Coxon, until recently in charge of a state-funded Aids project, said most data on households had been like a snapshot taken at a particular time. By tracking the same families over a long period, information on people's adaptation to changing circumstances could be added.

The Department of Health and other Whitehall departments will suggest questions to be used. Professor Coxon said Whitehall might be especially interested in material about the impact of divorce on family life and the way the survey was likely to alter received ideas about poverty and unemployment.

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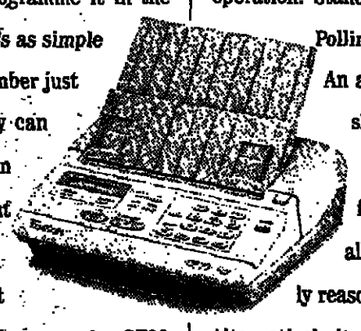
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- **£500 per year extra for staff trained to NHSTA standards and required to use paramedical skills. This would mean a total increase for qualified staff of 14 per cent, or 16.3 per cent in London**
- **back pay to the end of this month on this basic increase of between £605 and £939 outside London and £873 and £1,207 in London, depending on training**
- **further back pay for staff who have worked overtime because of increases in overtime rates, especially in London where rates would increase by over 20 per cent**

Overall, the weekly pay of qualified ambulance staff including two hours overtime, would go up by £19 per week to £222. In London, the increase would be £27 per week to give weekly pay of £250. Staff with paramedical skills would get a further £10 per week.

In addition, we are still offering a joint review of the 1986 salary agreement in the light of 3 years' experience. This aims to meet the concerns of staff about excessive overtime. We are not setting any constraints on this review.

This is a fair deal for ambulancemen and women. We need to end this dispute in the interest of patients and the NHS.

DUNCAN NICHOL
NHS Chief Executive

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THE GENERAL STRIKE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Steel workers take to the streets in thousands

From Brian James, Ostrava, Czechoslovakia

The second-worst fears of those who would remould Czechoslovak society vanished yesterday to the disciplined trudge of thousands through the streets of Ostrava, the nation's steel town.

The first nightmare was that the protests would be ended, as in 1968, by the tanks. That has for a long time not been an option for this Czechoslovak Government. What remained was the prospect that a cause begun by students and the intelligentsia of Prague would be disowned by the working masses and left to wither.

Ostrava, where 40,000 work in a sprawl of steel mills and forges, was seen as a test bed in yesterday's national strike. There is a slogan in the Czechoslovak language which says: "If Ostrava is taken, the war is won." Yesterday, Ostrava was – against all odds – the scene of dignified and disciplined protest.

It was not until Friday, and the first television pictures from Wenceslas Square, that the people of the city knew the extent of the national turmoil.

The three Czechoslovak newspapers which had carried brief accounts of the happenings in Prague had not been allowed to go on sale in this remote north Moravian city for a week.

When notice of the planned national strike was passed around by word of mouth, the management of the giant Klement Gottwald steel complex sacked those who organized a pro-strike resolution. The official trade union totally refused to lend its support.

But unofficial committees of the apprentices' union began to muster support.

Intially, it did not seem to bode well for the reformers. In contrast with Prague, Ostrava's only notices were typewritten sheets tacked to prominent trees from the local Communist Party reminding the citizens how much they owed to the movement, and how their obedience was expected.

The only notice permitted on the main gate said: "Strikes will not feed us". This may have sounded strange in Ostrava where steelworkers earn £200 a month and are seen as the pampered élite of Czechoslovak wage earners. The strike request was to stop work for a token two hours.

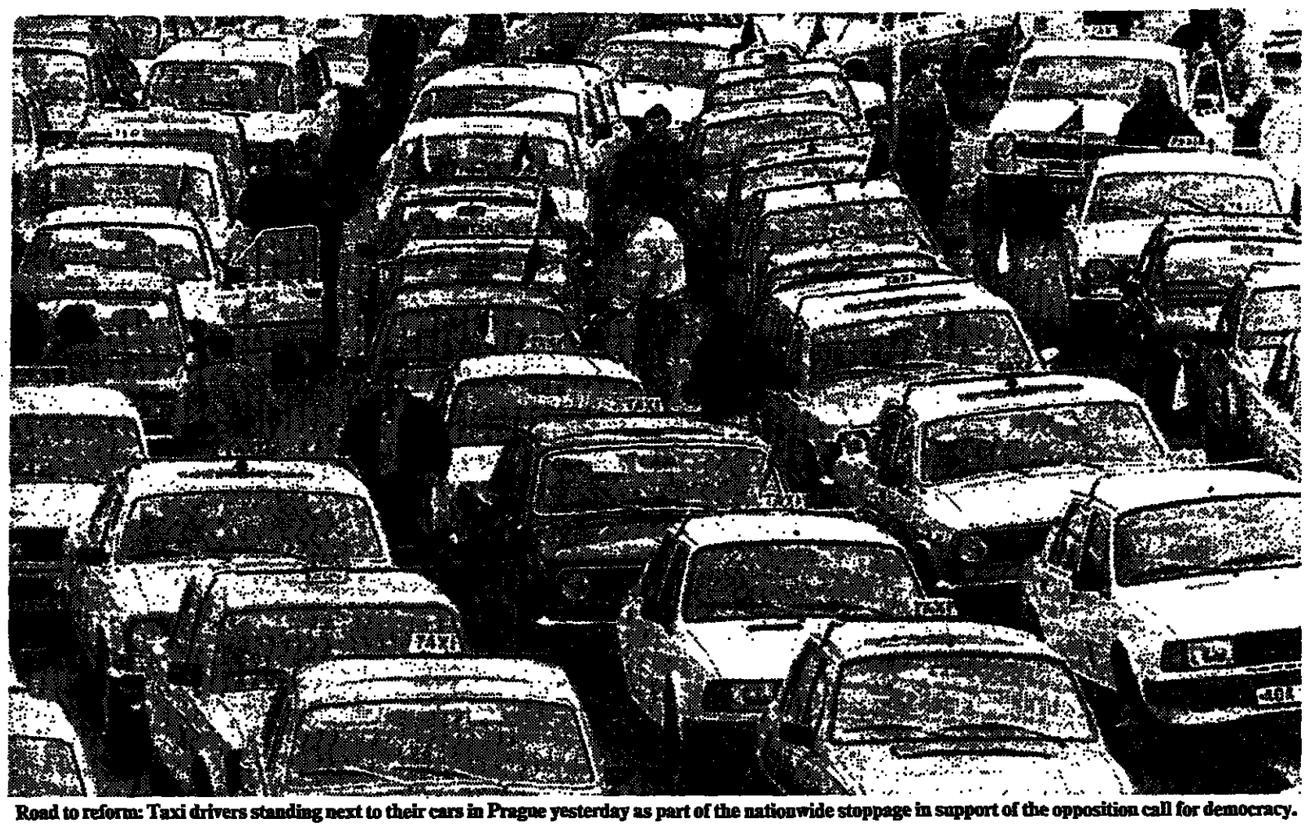
"We have let people decide for themselves. But they didn't even want a strike committee. There is little support," said the engineering head of Plant No. 3.

Ten minutes after noon, when a few sirens sounded the strike call, it was easy to believe him. A parade of strikers from the plant canteen to the town's square was abandoned.

"Too few to march, so they went to catch a tram," came a report to the main gate.

However, this was a false alarm.

First a small knot, then larger clumps of men and women emerged from between the towering sheds and down the long aisles of this grim industrial scenery.



Road to reform: Taxi drivers standing next to their cars in Prague yesterday as part of the nationwide stoppage in support of the opposition call for democracy.

A 500yd procession formed, which was joined at a bridge by another, and then at a crossroads by a third, and at a bus station by a fourth.

Then tens of thousands were marching in the streets, shouting: "Ostrava awake".

Mr Stepan Kevic, a grinder by trade and one of those marching said: "Nothing was organized. It was not permitted."

He added: But we had words from man to man to spread the messages. Threats were used. I know many people suffer from diseases working here.

"They were warned that they risked their case for compensation. Until Friday we knew nothing of Prague's protests.

"Now people here find it difficult to understand how so much can have happened. The country is turned over." Also marching was Mr Vladamir Navrat, who works in the company's research department. He said: "The young people of Ostrava have done this. Last Monday 500 gathered in the town square. On Tuesday it was 1,000, on Sunday 20,000. Today, with the workers at our side we shall be many, many more."

According to Mr Josep Suchanek, perhaps one-third of the workers were still at their benches.

Mr Suchanek said: "In the heavy metal department, probably more remain. I am told the works militia will not allow them to leave."

By now, half the throng had reached the town centre. They turned around and began to march back, passing those still arriving.

For 30 minutes Ostrava provided the extraordinary site of crocodiles of strikers apparently counter-marching.

Mr Kevic said: "We do not wish to harm the economy. So it was agreed that when those who marched reached the square they would at once return to work. And every striker will work two hours extra. Except the youth. They will work four hours extra."

Ostrava's factory chimneys were pouring out smoke into the sky of the most polluted country in Europe, part of the carelessness that gives Czechoslovakia the highest cancer death rate and the lowest life expectancy. This grim city was an odd place to hear people freely using words like hope and promise.

VICTORY FOR HUNGARIAN OPPOSITION

New President will be elected by Parliament

From Ernest Beck, Budapest

Hungary's small opposition party, the Alliance of Free Democrats, scored a significant upset victory yesterday when it was announced that its proposal that Parliament rather than the people should elect the first President of the new republic was accepted by a slim margin in Sunday's national referendum.

The victory means that Hungary's course towards democracy will be dramatically altered, with the election of a new multi-party Parliament being the first step rather than the election of a powerful presidential figure to act as a guiding force during the transition period.

Mr Imre Pozsgay, the Socialist Party presidential candidate and once Hungary's most popular politician, had hoped to be that person. But the radical Free Democrats, who feared that Mr Pozsgay's election would unfairly influence the forthcoming general election, succeeded in gathering 100,000 signatures to force a referendum on the issue.

Earlier, a combative Mr Pozsgay admitted that his chances of being elected by Parliament were "slighter" than in a direct vote, but he still considered himself to be a candidate when Parliament took up the task of electing a President.

"The road to democracy will now be somewhat bumpier," an obviously disappointed Mr Pozsgay told journalists.

It is expected that the current Parliament, which was elected in 1985 and has a majority of MPs from the former Communist Party, will dissolve itself on December 18, with a general election to follow within 90 days. Hungary's first freely contested parliamentary vote in more than 40 years. A spokesman for the jubilant Free Democrats said the outcome was "a big victory for the party and the people" because the masses had been moved to go to the polls to decide the nation's future, despite predictions of widespread apathy and disinterest in the issues.

The party even held out the possibility of a constitutional amendment opening the way for the President to be elected either by Parliament or the people, if the presidential role would be reduced to a purely ceremonial one.

In a first response, Mr Pozsgay said he would not be interested in being simply a figurehead president with weakened powers "although some people might consider this job to be glamorous".

Final results of the referendum were delayed by heavy snowfall, poor telephone communications, and a lack of experience in holding free elections. Early yesterday the Electoral Commission ordered a news blackout on further results with 92 per cent of the votes already counted. But after complaints by the Free Democrats that withholding information violated the referendum law, the Commission decided to release the final figures.

By contrast, results for the other three questions on the ballot – disbanding the workers' militia, banning political activity at the workplace and forcing the former Communist Party to reveal its assets – were clear cut, with an overwhelming majority of 95 per cent approving the proposals which have already been passed by Parliament.

This is being seen as a slap in the face for the former regime which used the armed militia and its cells at the workplace to maintain tight control over the country for more than four decades.

Another big loser in the referendum is the conservative opposition party, the Democratic Forum, which called for a boycott of the vote only a few weeks before it took place.

Sensing defeat, a leader of the Democratic Forum, which is Hungary's largest opposition party with about 30,000 members, appeared on television on Sunday evening to denounce Hungarians who did go to the polls as "stupid".

The original decision to have the first President of Hungary elected directly by the people was made at the round-table talks as a compromise move to accommodate the then Communist Party, but the Free Democrats refused to sign the document. They were later joined by the Social Democrats, the Smallholder's Party and the League of Young Democrats in the campaign for the referendum's acceptance.

Their persistence has paid off and the small party, once regarded as a group of upstart intellectual dissidents, has now emerged as a potent political force.

Versoix, Switzerland (Reuter) – The deposed King Michael of Romania urged the superpowers yesterday to act together to oust President Ceausescu. Presidents Bush and Gorbachov should not forget the "unfortunate Romanian people" in their weekend meeting off Malta. The former monarch hinted he would like to see them agree on joint action against Mr Ceausescu, a hardline Communist totally opposed to reform, who was re-elected for another five-year term last week.

REASSURANCE FOR NATO ALLIES AHEAD OF THE SUPERPOWER SUMMIT

Cheney rules out unilateral cuts in US troops

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

As the 10,500-ton Soviet cruiser Slava, complete with an orchestra and a sauna, headed for Malta yesterday for the superpower warship summit, Mr Richard Cheney, the US Defence Secretary, confirmed that Washington had no plans for unilateral cuts in American troops stationed in Europe.

However Mr Cheney, visiting The Netherlands to meet Mr Relus ter Beek, the new defence minister, before flying to Brussels for a meeting of Nato defence ministers today, said President Bush and President Gorbachov would probably discuss "future intentions" on American and Soviet troop deployments in Europe during the two-day summit which begins on Saturday.

He labelled as "premature" a *Newsweek* magazine report that President Bush was considering cutting US forces by 100,000 to about 220,000 by the mid-1990s and stressed that any cuts over and above the reduction of 30,000 American combat soldiers proposed at the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks in Vienna would be carried out only within that framework.

Mr Cheney's remarks on the summit, after visiting a US fighter air base at Soesterberg, were seen as further evidence of Washington's attempt to reassure Nato allies that there will be no surprise proposals from President Bush involving huge cuts in the American military presence in Europe.

Mrs Thatcher received a similar assurance when she met President Bush at Camp David last week.

"The President has made it very clear that he is not in the business at Malta of negotiating the future of Europe on a bilateral basis with the Soviet Union," Mr Cheney said.

Mr Ter Beek said the US Defence Secretary had pledged that there were no plans for unilateral American reductions.

Mr Cheney has said he plans to tell his fellow defence ministers in Brussels that Washington remained committed to Nato and that any future changes would be worked out with the allies.

This weekend's summit is to be held on board the American cruiser USS Belknap on the first day and the Slava, the next day. Both warships and their escorts are expected to line up about eight miles off Malta.

USS Belknap arrived at Malta at the weekend. The Soviet cruiser left its home port of Sevastopol on Friday and is expected in the Maltese port of Marsaxlokk tomorrow.

Izvestia, the Soviet newspaper, has described the Slava (Glory) as streamlined and elegant with "beautiful architecture" and also as "a menacing floating fortress".

The Soviet newspaper boasted that the ship was 19 years younger than the Belknap. President Bush and his Soviet host will have identical adjoining private cabins and will hold their private meetings in the officers' lounge.

The Slava has a library, gymnasium and cinema. The ship's usual armaments include 16 surface-to-surface nuclear missiles with a range of 300 miles and surface-to-air missile launchers.

Izvestia said that the orchestra was practising the US and Maltese national anthems.

Both ships conformed with Malta's territorial ban on nuclear weapons, the Maltese government said on Sunday. *The Washington Post* reported yesterday that the Soviet Union had gone a step further by withdrawing nuclear ships and submarines routinely deployed in the Mediterranean.

US defence officials were said to be concerned that it could be a prelude to a proposal by President Gorbachov for a bilateral restriction on naval forces.

● **OTTAWA:** Mr Maloney, the Canadian Prime Minister, recently returned from the Soviet Union, said yesterday that Mr Gorbachov's reforms demand international support, a message he intends to deliver to President Bush this week (Reuter reports).

Mr Mulroney, who will fly to Washington tomorrow to give President Bush an account of his talks, said he was impressed with President Gorbachov's determination to see his reform plan through.



Herr Schönhuber outlining his ideas for the two Germanys.

WEST GERMANY'S FAR-RIGHT LOOKS EAST

Republicans' ranks treble

From John England, Bonn

Herr Franz Schönhuber, an ex-Waffen SS sergeant who is chairman of the Republicans, West Germany's party of the far-right, said yesterday that the party had already set up several district associations in East Germany. He added that membership in West Germany and West Berlin had trebled this year to 25,000.

Speaking at a news conference in Bonn, Herr Schönhuber said the Republicans' main goal remained the reunification of the two Germanys with Berlin once again the national capital.

"In the end phase there should be a bloc-free, even if armed, Germany," he said. "I see the path to reunification in a confederation of the two German states. But, if the East German people decide in a free vote for their own German state, one must accept that."

Herr Schönhuber indicated that the Republicans would get rid of about 300 party members, including "U-boats" (undercover agents) who, he claimed, had been infiltrated into the party by "state organizations and other parties" to discredit it.

He also tabled a 53-page new and "more moderate" programme for the Republicans to be discussed at a two-day party conference in Rosenheim, near Munich, in mid-January. Rosenheim is a party stronghold where it won 21 per cent of votes in elections for the European Parliament last June.

● **THE HAGUE:** Mr Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch Prime Minister, yesterday implicitly warned that East and West Germany should not be reunited, and predicted a greater security role for the European Community (AP reports).

"The gaps that have now been made in the Berlin Wall symbolize the approaching end for 'unfreedom' in the other part of Europe," Mr Lubbers told Parliament in his first important policy speech since beginning his third term in office on November 7.

He warned, however, that "respect for territorial boundaries as they now are" was an essential element for improved co-operation between Eastern and Western Europe.

He was replying to speculation in West Germany and elsewhere that the two Germanys might eventually be reunited.

WHY THE COMMUNIST REGIMES BEGAN TO CRUMBLE

Courage to criticize breaks smug self-confidence of dictators

By George Schopflin

The West has been astonished by both the speed and the suddenness of the changes in Eastern Europe. Regimes like the East German one, that seemed well-established if not actually immovable, found themselves destabilized overnight. The transformation illustrates an old truth in politics. When dictatorships start to crumble, they disintegrate very rapidly.

The underlying question is: Why do they start to crumble at all? The simple answer is that these systems had seized up to such an extent that they could not keep going in their existing form. In the case of Poland and Hungary, the economic crisis was unquestionably the most important lever to open up the system.

Unless they were ready to face collapse – and currently Romania represents collapse in Eastern Europe – the leaderships of these states had to accept that a complete break with old methods was unavoidable.

Experiments with purely economic reforms had been quite ineffective without political change. This implied a redistribution of power, a watering down of the communist party's monopoly. And that brought the very existence of communist political systems into question.

But there were other pressures that communist leaders had to contend with. Much of the self-confidence of authoritarian regimes rests on surface unanimity, on the absence of publicly voiced criticism. This is an important taboo to break, but once it goes it undermines the morale of the elite, creating uncertainty about the future and exposing it to sustained criticism to which it has no comeback.

These systems had seized up to such an extent that they could not keep going

Hungary was beginning to reach this stage even before the removal of the then party leader, Mr Janos Kadar, in May 1988. Once his successor, Mr Karoly Grosz, proved to be hesitant and indecisive, the old precepts of party discipline were simply swept away in the media and there was nothing that the party could do to restore them.

In Bulgaria, intellectuals have been mobilizing for a couple of years, particularly over environmental deterioration. Czechoslovakia went through this phase with astonishing speed in the space of last week. When matters were particularly serious, communist leaderships tried to resolve the situation by changing people rather than policies. It is much easier for the elite to try to safeguard its power by dropping the top leader and some other discredited figures than actually to grasp the nettle of real reform.

This is a kind of palliative, and it does not work for long. Mr Milos Jakes took over from Mr Gustav Husak as Czechoslovak leader 23 months ago, then he himself had to go. It does not look as though Mr Karel Urbanek, Mr Jakes's replacement, can hold on to the top job in Prague for long.

The removal of Mr Kadar was the first condition for change in Hungary and the purging of Herr Erich Honecker was mostly an encouragement to the East Germans to press for more changes.

Mr Petur Mladenov in Bulgaria looks more like an interim leader than anything else – he was associated with the discredited Mr Todor Zhivkov for many years.

A key factor in all these countries was the role of the crowd – the impact of the mass demonstration on the morale of the elite. In Poland, the strikes of 1988 were an unmistakable sign for the Jaruzelski leadership that they were in serious danger of losing control unless they began a dialogue with society. This lay behind the launching of the round table discussions at the start of the year.

The exodus from East Germany, followed by the continuous demonstrations in all the main cities, both served to hammer home the message that the population no longer accepted the power of the party in the unquestioning, if reluctant way that had been so characteristic beforehand. The crowds filling Wenceslas Square in Prague every day last week sent a similar message.

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But getting rid of the communists is only the start of the process. Communist systems compress all politics into a very simple framework and material interests become quite obscure in a situation where the communist party insists on taking all the important decisions. So the question which now arises is: What are the necessary steps to make a communist system democratic? In both Poland and Hungary, the response seems to be not in quite the way that the West has become used to.

Although these countries are evidently moving in the direction of democracy, this will not be a strongly multi-party system for a while.

It looks as though communist countries need a period of time under the aegis of a large conglomerate party in order to sort themselves out before they can move to fully competitive politics.

If this is correct, then the chances are good that a conglomerate party using social democratic language will emerge in East Germany and its equivalent in Bulgaria will be committed to ecological issues. In Czechoslovakia, a party employing national and democratic ideals could play a comparable role.

So unlike in the West, at least in the interim, the newly emerging democratic systems of Central and Eastern Europe will probably take their time before they move towards the kind of multi-party politics in which left and right have much meaning.

THE CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

NEW MOOD OF DIPLOMACY SECURES ECONOMIC CONCESSIONS

Moscow reaches trade accord with EC

Brussels (Reuter) — The Soviet Union and the European Community have concluded a sweeping trade and economic co-operation pact a year after establishing diplomatic links, the two sides said yesterday.

Diplomats said that the agreement would progressively dismantle Community quotas on industrial imports from the Soviet Union by 1995 in return for better access to Soviet markets for EC firms.

The 10-year accord is also designed to promote co-operation in a dozen areas ranging from nuclear safety and transport to science and technology.

EC diplomats said the European Commission, which negotiated the accord on behalf of the 12 Community governments, had secured important concessions from Moscow.

"It's a good agreement," said one. The diplomat said the Soviet Union had agreed to the Commission's demand that it should not discriminate against EC goods in spending its scarce foreign currency resources. Soviet diplomats were not immediately available for comment.

The agreement follows in the footsteps of EC pacts with other Eastern bloc states but its terms are far less generous than those granted to Hungary and Poland, which will face virtually no obstacles to their exports from January 1, 1990.

Jerusalem (AP) — Mr Avraham Katz-Oz, the left-wing Labour Agriculture Minister in the coalition Government, has flown to Moscow to discuss possible trade prospects. It is the first visit by an Israeli minister to the Soviet Union in at least 22 years, his spokesman said here yesterday.

This is because the Community has a policy of tying the benefits of such pacts to the extent of political and economic reform in each Eastern bloc country.

The diplomats said Soviet negotiators had also objected to a standard Community clause that the agreement would cover the territory defined by the founding EC treaty, which includes West Berlin as part of West Germany.

But the Soviet Union finally agreed that the so-called Berlin clause would feature in the new pact and that it would issue a unilateral statement saying this would not affect the four-power agreement covering the divided city.

Agreement over West Berlin paved the way for the two sides to establish diplomatic ties in August last year. The Community also forged diplomatic ties at around the same time with other members of the Soviet-led trading pact Comecon.

When the EC was first set up in 1957, the Soviet Union and its allies attacked it as an economic arm of Nato.

The accord, which was due to be discussed by EC foreign ministers here yesterday, still has to be formally ratified by the 12 Community governments and examined by the European Parliament but no date has been set for this yet. Last year, Soviet exports to the Community totalled 12.76 billion ECUs (£10 billion), much of it in oil and gas sales, while EC exports to the Soviet Union amounted to 10.04 billion ECUs.

A Commission spokesman said later that, as with other Eastern European countries, the agreement only established a framework for co-operation.

He said it listed sectors as appropriate for co-operation and a joint EC-Soviet committee would decide how to put them into practice.

The sectors are: standardization of norms, industry, raw material and mining, agriculture, food processing, environmental protection and natural resources, science and technology (including nuclear research), energy (including nuclear energy and nuclear safety), economic monitoring, banking insurance and other financial services, management and vocational training.

The inclusion of energy makes it the broadest list of co-operation topics yet established with an Eastern bloc country.

The trade concessions by the Community refer only to quotas which are directed specifically against Soviet goods, rather than products which are subject to general restrictions.



A Soviet prisoner of war, Private Andrei Lopukh, embracing his mother in the Pakistani frontier city of Peshawar after he and another Russian soldier, Private Valery Prokapchuk, held captive for more than two years by the Afghan Mujahidin rebels, were released yesterday in an emotional ceremony. The Soviet Ambassador, Mr Vladimir Yakunin, called the event a "high act of humanitarianism", and announced a reciprocal release of 33 prisoners — predominantly Afghan rebel fighters but also Pakistani and Arab guerrillas — would take place soon in the Afghan capital of Kabul.

EAST GERMANY

Western style of reform ignored

From Ian Murray
East Berlin

With the first snows and serious power failures of the winter, the debate on how to salvage the East German economy has taken on an added urgency but with little sign of any consensus.

There seems no agreement anywhere on the introduction of the Western-style market economy which Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, has made a precondition for crucial economic aid from Bonn.

Even the opposition reform groups seem to want to keep subsidies, state control of big industry and guaranteed jobs for all.

New Forum, the largest opposition group, has drawn up its own programme for economic reform.

The ruling communist Socialist Unity Party (SED) is being sent up to 25 motions a day on the economy for consideration at its special conference next month. The largest trade union, IG Metall, has introduced a 19-page paper on its 1.8 million members' role in rebuilding the country.

The New Forum programme, thrashed out over the weekend with the help of West German observers, is a curious mixture of free enterprise and socialism, which clearly derives its main inspiration from communist ideas.

The programme wants to guarantee the right to work along with full financial support for the unemployed. It would maintain a state monopoly controlling external trade and would continue intervention in financial policy through the state bank, taxation or alterations of subsidies.

It also wants prices, pay, working hours and social conditions to be negotiable with the right to strike legally guaranteed.

Town besieged in ethnic unrest

Moscow (Reuter) — Twenty-one people were hurt and a town was under siege by thousands of angry demonstrators as ethnic clashes broke out between Georgians and Ossetians in the Soviet Caucasus, local authorities said yesterday.

Tskhinvali, capital of the autonomous region of South Ossetia, has been surrounded since Friday night by thousands of Georgians, many of whom are armed, an official from the regional Communist Party committee said.

He said that the Georgians were being held off by police and 800 Soviet Interior Ministry troops who were sent to Tskhinvali last month to keep order as ethnic tensions rose.

But clashes broke out in which 21 people were hurt, one of whom was reported in grave condition with a skull fracture. Eighty-six Ossetians were taken hostage over the weekend in fighting in villages near Tskhinvali, but they were released yesterday, the official said. He said that many Ossetians had fled to Tskhinvali seeking protection.

Communist Party authorities in the autonomous region, which is part of the republic of Georgia, have asked the Georgian authorities to declare a curfew and send in more troops to keep order but have received no reply, the official said.

Officials in Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, could not be reached immediately for comment. A woman who answered the telephone at the Gruzinform official news agency said that all the reporters were in a meeting.

The violence flared after workers in South Ossetia held a strike to demand that their homeland be upgraded to an autonomous republic and joined to North Ossetia, which lies across the mountainous border in the Russian Federation.

On November 10, the regional governing council voted for autonomy and also demanded official state status for the Ossetian language in Georgia. Georgian demonstrators, angered by the demands, converged on Tskhinvali in 230 buses and 400 cars on Friday evening, a spokeswoman for the South Ossetian Popular Front said.

● **Economic autonomy:** The Soviet Parliament yesterday approved a law granting broad economic autonomy to the country's three Baltic republics, so opening a new phase in their relationship with the Kremlin.

The law, passed by a wide margin and a minimum of resistance, gives Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania full control over land and resources and most financial operations from next January.

But the authorities in Moscow retain half the revenues generated by centrally-administered industrial enterprises in the region.

Baltic deputies expressed satisfaction with the legislation and praised the Government for arriving at a compromise after heated debate last week in the Supreme Soviet. Some suggested that the law could soften demands for independence by grassroots movements which have a huge following in the three formerly independent Baltic republics.

A total of 296 members of the Supreme Soviet voted for the law, with 67 against. There were 37 abstentions. Baltic deputies stood and applauded the decision.

WORLD ROUNDUP

De Klerk pledge on 'death squads'

Johannesburg — President de Klerk of South Africa has said that allegations of police "death squads" murdering anti-apartheid activists will be thoroughly investigated (Gavin Bell writes). In his first public statement on the issue, Mr de Klerk said: "I will not stand for that sort of thing."

A preliminary inquiry by Mr Tim McNally, the Attorney-General of the Orange Free State, and Lieutenant-General Alwyn Conradie, the head of the CID, is due to be submitted to the Government this week. Mr McNally, who has interviewed several policemen implicated in a series of unexplained killings, has said he may recommend the appointment of a judicial commission to investigate further.

Aoun stands defiant

Baabda, east Beirut — General Michel Aoun, the Christian commander of the Army, yesterday strengthened the defences of the Lebanese presidential palace at Baabda and called volunteers to join his forces (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes). He vowed to fight "even with kitchen knives, stones and sticks" to repel any attempt to oust him. As the deadline for the appointment of a new commander approached yesterday, the general said from his underground shelter that he would not relinquish his post nor recognize the Syrian-backed Government of President Hrawi, who has threatened to evict him from Baabda.

Husain freedom vow

Cairo — The new Jordanian Parliament was opened yesterday by King Husain who told MPs elected in the first general election for 22 years he would work to limit martial law and legalize political parties (Christopher Walker writes). He said that the renewal of democratic life was a riposte to the country's enemies. The result of the election, one of the most open seen in the Arab world, has caused concern among a number of moderate Arab states, notably Egypt, as it led to sweeping gains for Muslim fundamentalist candidates dedicated to the introduction of strict Islamic law.

Robber's frozen assets

Helsinki (AP) — A British bank robber, aged 38, surrendered to police after his car froze to a standstill while trying to flee, newspapers reported yesterday. The Englishman, who is a welder by trade but was otherwise not identified, confessed to three bank robberies in Finland since August and two in Sweden, reports said. Police found the abandoned British-registered Ford Escort on the roadside outside Helsinki, where temperatures have dipped to as low as -16C (3F). The man reportedly told the police by telephone after his car broke down that it was futile to remain on the run.

Reforms and progress to peace in two of Britain's former troublespots

South Yemen opens up in quest for closer links

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, is to make the first visit by a British minister to South Yemen since it became independent from Britain 22 years ago.

The visit, starting on Sunday, acknowledges that the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, the only communist country in the Arab world, has begun to change.

A sign of that change came yesterday when the country voted in local government elections amid signs that it will partly follow trends set by Eastern Europe.

Western diplomats have been told that South Yemen (formerly Aden), a key Soviet satellite, wishes to be more open to the West and to reform its system. Like Hungary, the initiative for change appears to have come from progressive elements within its own Marxist-Leninist party. Unlike Poland, East Germany and Czechoslovakia, no mass movement demanding change has emerged. In theory, South Yemen is a one-party state ruled by the Yemeni Socialist Party and guided by Moscow. In practice it is an uneasy coalition between the party and diverse tribal factions, reflecting the difficulty of making a Marxist system work in the Arab world. Although the Socialist Party is the only formal political group in the elections, there are independent candidates, and their showing will give an indication of the party's popularity.



Mr Waldegrave: First visit by a minister in 22 years.

The relationship with Moscow is close, but the Yemenis are said to be dissatisfied with the level of Soviet aid. The Government has indicated that the military alliance with Moscow will continue, but that it will be open to stronger links with the West.

The port of Aden, once a key staging post for British shipping on the way to India, was not popular with British servicemen during the colonial period. After the bitter fighting which preceded independence, few were sorry to leave it. The British Government no longer needed the strategic foothold Aden had once been, but the Soviet Union was glad to replace it. Their vessels have had a regular presence there since.

They will not necessarily leave, but the Government is more interested in civil shipping and wants to create an important container port. Britain will help train its managers.

Malaysian communists set to end 41-year rebellion

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok, and M.G.G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

The underground Communist Party of Malaya is poised to end its 41-year rebellion on Saturday with its legendary leader Mr Chin Peng, aged 68, scheduled to sign separate peace pacts with Thailand and Malaysia in the city of Ban Hat Yai, southern Thailand.

The deals will dissolve his party and end the war he launched against the British colonial administration in Malaya in 1948. Because of that action, there is still a price on Mr Chin's head in Malaysia.

Strict security measures are being enforced in the city as there are fears that local people who suffered at the hands of Communist Party guerrillas will react angrily to the lenient peace terms.

Over the years, the insurgents killed hundreds of Thai soldiers and extorted large sums of protection money from plantation owners, farmers, and businessmen.

Mr Chin and his principal aide, Mr Rashid Mydin, in his late fifties, have agreed to lay down their arms but will destroy them ceremonially in a bonfire rather than hand them over, in a face-saving arrangement. The word "surrender" has been specifically omitted from the peace pact.

Bangkok sources said Mr Chin would return next week to China, where he has lived for more than two decades.

He was awarded the OBE for fighting with British underground forces against the Japanese in Malaya in the Second World War.

When British, Commonwealth, and Malaysian soldiers pushed the Communist Army into Thailand in 1959, he went to China, from where he continued to command the insurgents in the jungle. Since serious peace negotiations began three years ago, there have been few clashes with the Thai Army.

Earlier, both Thai and Malaysian forces fought the Communists along the border.

Mr Chin has been in southern Thailand for more than a month to complete talks that began more than two years ago. On his arrival, Mr Chin was told by General Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, the Thai military chief: "I thought you had died years ago."

Thailand took the initiative to end the rebellion partly because the Communist Party of Malaya is now based in the south of the country, bordering Malaysia, and its presence has hampered Bangkok's development effort for the region.

Malaysian sources suggest that the Thais were probably under strong pressure from Peking to help to end the rebellion.

Up to 1,200 insurgents are giving up the fight. Most will stay in Thailand where they will be given land to farm and money to establish new lives.

For those who want to return to Malaysia the prospects are less clear. The Malaysian Government has promised them nothing publicly, but Thai officials say that the Malaysians have agreed to allow the Communists to return without fear of punishment.

London weighs up December repatriation of boat people

By Andrew McEwen

As Vietnamese boat people in Hong Kong continued a hunger strike yesterday, there were strong indications that the British Government hopes to begin repatriation in mid-December.

The Foreign Office refused to be drawn on a date, but other sources said December 10 to 15 was a tentative target for the first flight.

The British Government has abandoned any thought of making a further attempt to persuade the United States and other countries not to object to the plan. It had considered waiting until after a meeting of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on Indochina Refugees, which was to have been held next week. This has been delayed until January.

It is understood the delay stems from divisions within the US State Department. While President Bush strongly opposed the British plans in his meeting with Mrs Thatcher on Friday, some influential officials are understood to be taking a different position. Although against compulsory repatriation, they want Washington to consider aid to Vietnam to create conditions which would stop the outflow. The Americans are understood to have asked for the meeting to be put back and have in effect given themselves six weeks to resolve their differences. The British no longer think it worth waiting.

The timing now depends solely on the final details of an agreement with Hanoi. Whitehall sources said reports that officials of the Hong Kong Government were already chartering ferries were premature.

Any hope of sending thousands back in the near future has been blocked by two problems. The first is that only a small proportion of the 37,000 boat people liable for repatriation have been through the appeals procedure. The second is that Hanoi insists people should not be sent in larger numbers than it can manage.

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Cats are strangled, or hammered to death, then skinned to make soup. Others may be dropped alive into boiling water.

Such inhumanity cannot be allowed to pass unchallenged. That's why we are taking this opportunity to respectfully request South Korean President Roh Tae-woo to act. He has the power to end the suffering by introducing tough anti-cruelty laws.

But has he the will?

The South Koreans are anxious to expand trade links with Britain.

However, they should understand there is a price to pay – respect and compassion for all creatures. They must realise we find their abuse of animals offensive and unacceptable.

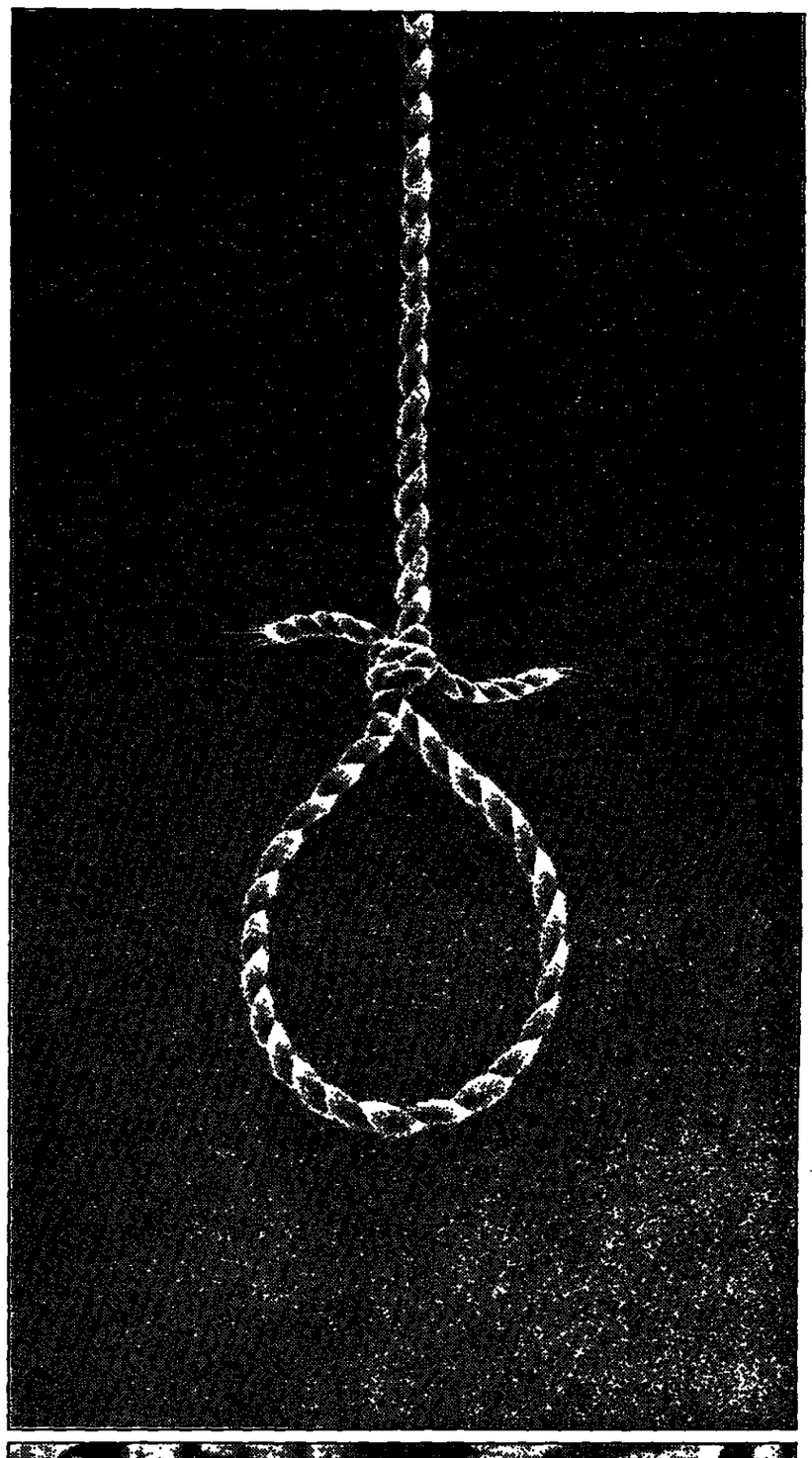
Albert Schweitzer said: "Until he extends the circle of his compassion to all living things, man will not himself find peace." How very true!

Many Koreans are equally appalled at the suffering. An opinion poll conducted by Gallup Korea, showed more than 80% of those surveyed thought the killing methods cruel.

If you are a Member of Parliament or of the House of Lords, or if you are involved in any way with South Korea, particularly through trade or commerce, please help us defend the animals.

Let President Roh know that South Korea must accept recognised humane values and standards in the treatment of animals – if he wants to extend trade with Britain.

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Every day in South Korea dogs are slowly hanged by the neck until they are dead to make them "taste better".

107 die in Bogotá plane crash linked to cocaine barons

From Geoffrey Matthews, Bogotá

Colombian anti-terrorism experts yesterday were combing the wreckage of a Boeing 727 of Avianca, the national airline, which witnesses said exploded in mid-air, killing all 107 people on board, including six crew.

There was speculation that a bomb caused the disaster, with suspicion falling on the nation's cocaine racketeers who launched a "total war" on the state three months ago.

But a spokesman for the Colombian aeronautical authority said that this was only one possibility. "At this early stage we cannot confirm it. A full investigation is necessary before any firm conclusion can be made," he said.

The accident happened shortly after the aircraft had taken off from Eldorado international airport in Bogotá on a 25-minute, internal flight to Cali, the third biggest city. The aircraft was then due to continue to the south-western city of Pasto, near the frontier with Ecuador. It took off from Eldorado at 7.13am, and disaster struck eight minutes later over Soacha, a municipality on the outskirts of Bogotá.

Witnesses said an explosion tore the plane apart and that it disintegrated in several blazing pieces over an industrial zone near Soacha. No deaths were reported on the ground. The cabin crew had made two routine communications with the Eldorado control tower, the second only a minute before the disaster. They reported their progress on a normal flight plan. Flying conditions were perfect.

Wreckage was strewn over a wide area, and police later condemned looters who took luggage. Some arrests were reported.

Soacha was the scene of the assassination of Senator Luis Carlos Galán Sarmiento by racket-sponsored gunmen on August 18 when he arrived to address a political rally. He was favoured to gain the presidential nomination of the ruling Liberal Party and go on to win next year's elections. His murder triggered the continuing confrontation between the Government of President Barco and the racketeers of Medellin, the base of the most violent drug cartel.

On September 4, Avianca officials denied reports that a bomb had been found at José María Cordova airport in Medellín on an incoming flight from Cali.

According to reports by the media in Medellín, there was an explosive device in the cargo hold, but it had not been activated. There was speculation that it had been planted by the drug mafia merely to demonstrate its power and heighten the war of nerves against the state.

Significantly, despite denials by Avianca, the next day the Government announced tougher anti-terrorist security measures at commercial airports throughout the country. Those measures included the militarization of airports, more metal detection devices, and restrictions on parking near airports.

Victor salutes Delhi supporters

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Mr L.K. Advani, leader of the fundamentalist Bharatiya Janata Party, bedecked with garlands of flowers, waving to his supporters yesterday. He was on a victory tour around his Delhi constituency after his win in the Indian election.

Old guard routed in Indian poll

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

India was plunged yesterday into its greatest crisis since the assassination of Indira Gandhi in 1984 as her son's ruling Congress (I) party lost its overall majority in the Lok Sabha (lower house).

But it seemed to be a pyrrhic victory for the opposition parties as their leader, Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, announced that he would not take the premiership. His decision has left a power vacuum which Delhi's political power-brokers are struggling to fill.

The voters not only repudiated Mr Rajiv Gandhi but also unseated leading figures in the opposition. The general electoral mood seemed to be out one of with the old and tarnished political barons.

The Communists and a resurgent Hindu fundamentalist party, the right-wing Bharatiya Janata Party, made it clear that they would not support a coalition government headed by Mr Gandhi's party.

Mr Singh, the leader of Janata Dal — the biggest opposition party — is a temperamental and unpredictable man at the best of times, and whether he is serious or not about stepping aside remains to be seen.

But his declared withdrawal from the leadership fray threw the opposition into disarray and highlighted the fact that there is a remarkable dearth of natural leadership talent to succeed him.

Most of the opposition's obvious potential new leaders have been dealt humiliating electoral blows, including Mr Ramakrisha Hegde, a former Chief Minister of Karnataka state, Mr N. T. Rama Rao, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, and Mr Devi Lal, the Chief Minister of Haryana. The man now being tipped as Mr Singh's most likely successor is Mr Chandra Shekar, for 10 years a leader of the old Janata Party — and a frequent and bitter critic of Mr Singh.

On the governing Congress (I) side, Mr N. D. Tiwari, the Chief Minister of the big northern state of Uttar Pradesh, was humiliated at the polls. He can no longer be regarded as a potential successor to Mr Gandhi. Since Congress (I) has been routed in its traditional northern bastion, any new leader of the party will have to come from the south, where it did unusually well.

Mr Gandhi faces a leadership battle. The most likely contender to succeed him is Mr P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Minister for External Affairs and the party's second most senior member. He has the advantage of coming from a non-northern state — Maharashtra in the south-west.

Without Mr Singh, the five-party opposition National Front has nobody of similar stature to offer as Prime Minister. In reality the Front now virtually ceases to exist because three of its constituent members have been routed. A fourth member, the AGP of Assam, will contest postponed elections in its home state in January. Only Janata Dal, the fifth member, made any showing.

Although Mr Singh might well be playing a political game to enhance his stature, his insistence that "I will stay out of the Government" came as a surprise.

Congress (I) was a sad and demoralized organization yesterday, having entered the election with 415 MPs and emerged with about 205.

Sihanouk seeks UN formula for peace

By Andrew McEwen, John Pedler and Catherine Sampson

Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who persuaded Britain to back the inclusion of the Khmer Rouge in an interim Cambodian government, admitted yesterday that his policy may not work.

Britain, the US and other governments have supported a proposal for a four-party interim government, mainly on his advice.

It led to strong criticism of Britain because of fears that the Khmer Rouge would dominate any coalition.

It has also been attacked as utopian and unworkable, in that there is no tradition of power-sharing in Cambodia. But Prince Sihanouk, who is seen as the head of state in any likely coalition, argued that any attempt to leave the Khmer Rouge out would be self-defeating.

However, at a press conference in Peking yesterday he offered an alternative for the first time, while still preferring the four-party solution. He proposed UN trusteeship to pave the way for general elections, an idea similar to one suggested on Friday by the Australian Government.

Senator Gareth Evans, the Australian Foreign Minister, called for a UN-sponsored interim administration to run Cambodia until elections could be held under international supervision. The Khmer Rouge would be excluded. Prince Sihanouk, however, presented the idea as his own. "I am revealing it for the first time ... now I say it very officially," he said.

This, however, is not the only option for a quadripartite solution. Some voluntary agencies, including Oxfam, hope the British Government will consider a plan put forward by Major-General Chatichai Choonhavan, the Thai Prime Minister.

It depends on persuading the Vietnamese-installed Government of Phnom Penh and the three factions of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea to share power. General Chatichai's plan involves a step-by step approach, beginning with a negotiated ceasefire.

Rebels kill island president in midnight attack on palace

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

President Ahmed Abdallah of the Comoros was murdered on Sunday night when a group of rebels, thought to be dissident troops, attacked the presidential palace on the Indian Ocean archipelago.

Officials at the Comoran Embassy in Paris said the attack was led by Mr Ahmed Muhammad, a former army commander, who resigned in a dispute with the president recently.

One official said he did not believe the attack was a coup, but rather an assassination.

The official added that the former commander had led an unknown number of men in the attack. It was not known whether he was dead or alive.

The latest violence was the fifth uprising of its kind in the Comoros since it unilaterally declared independence from France in 1975.

Diplomats on the picturesque, but impoverished, island republic said the President and one of his bodyguards had died when the armed men attacked his palace on the main island of Njazida at midnight. The presidential guard, led by European mercenaries, overcame the rebels after a brief gun battle and arrested some.

Mr Haribou Chebani, president of the Supreme Court, was appointed interim head of state pending the election of a successor after a 40-day period of mourning.

The leading contender is the President's youngest son, Assouf, who is president of the National Assembly. An hotel manager contacted by telephone said the island was quiet and there was no apparent military activity.

South African leaders, who have close ties with the Comoros, denounced the attack. In a message of condolence, President de Klerk said: "Nothing is gained by violence of this nature, and it is condemned in the strongest terms."

The President's murder followed a referendum three weeks ago which approved constitutional amendments enabling him to rule for a further six-year term. The opposition accused the Government of rigging the vote and youths reportedly ran riot, precipitating a crackdown in which hundreds were arrested.

Voters give big boost to Le Pen party

From Susan MacDonald, Paris

France's right-wing National Front, largely regarded as a figure of fun after its only parliamentary deputy resigned last year, could be back with a voice in the National Assembly next week if it can repeat its first-round performance in two by-elections.

Two women National Front candidates in Dreux, west of Paris, and Marseilles, in the south, have scored well in a low turn-out poll, suprising the other parties.

The ruling Socialist Party received the rudest surprise of all. The miserable first-round score of their two candidates means that they will not be eligible to compete in the run-off next Sunday.

The reason for this sudden popularity stems from the ability of M Jean-Marie le Pen, the National Front leader, to use people's fears of immigration.

The debate on whether Islamic fundamentalist girls should be permitted to wear veils in class and on the proposed building of two large mosques, one in Lyons and one in Marseilles, provided him with an ideal opportunity. The Council of State, France's highest administrative authority, declared last night that Muslims wearing veils in classes at state-run schools are exercising "their liberty of expression as individuals and as a manifestation of religious belief".

This finding will not please the majority of the French who have expressed their opposition through recent opinion polls.

Playing on some people's fears of being over-run by people with other values and cultures, the Dreux National Front candidate, Mme Marie-France Stirbois, romped home on Sunday with the simple slogan "France for the French". In Marseilles, the city with the largest immigrant population in France, the centre-right UDF candidate, M Jean-Francois Mattei with 39.2 per cent, and Mme Marie-Claude Roussel, with 33 per cent, knocked all other candidates out of the running.

The Socialists and the Communist Party yesterday appealing to their followers to vote for the RPR and UDF and block the Front.

Ivory-ban protest

Hong Kong (Reuter) — Hong Kong ivory workers have begun a sit-down protest against the worldwide ban on ivory trading which comes into effect next January 18. About 30 workers sat down outside government offices demanding £24,500 each in compensation from the colony's government.

Death charge

Wellington (AP) — An unemployed man, aged 20, who was not required to plead, has been remanded in custody here charged with the murder of Monica Cantwell, aged 24, a secretary from Lingfield, Surrey. The court ordered that he not be named.

Biology prize

Tokyo (AP) — Professor Eric Denton, aged 66, former director of Britain's Marine Biological Association Laboratory, has been awarded this year's International Biology Prize, presented by Emperor Akihito Of Japan.

Army purge

Kampala (Reuter) — President Museveni has dismissed Major-General Salim Saleh, Commander of the Ugandan Army, and replaced almost the entire military high command without giving a reason.

Rocket deaths

Kabul (AFP) — Mujahidin rebels have killed 31 people in one of the most destructive rocket attacks on the capital in the entire Afghan conflict.

Rival returns

Manila (AP) — President Aquino claims diplomats in the US gave Mr Eduardo Cojuangco, aged 54, her cousin and arch rival, a passport without her knowledge, enabling him to return to the Philippines from banishment.

Freed on bail

Port Moresby (AFP) — Mr Robert Suckling, a former Papua New Guinea government minister, has been released on bail of £770 charged with the murder of Eric Marasu, on August 22.

11 killed

Johannesburg (Reuter) — Eleven people, including a policeman, have been killed in growing violence between rival anti-apartheid groups in the black townships of Natal province, police said.

Jumbo jams

Harare (AFP) — Elephants causing traffic jams, monkeys chasing children, and leopards eating pets are creating problems for residents of Kariba, a small resort town in north-western Zimbabwe.

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Labour promises fierce battle against NHS Bill

Sustained opposition to the Government's Bill to reform the National Health Service was promised by Mr Robin Cook, chief Opposition spokesman on health, when he opened the fifth day of the debate on the Queen's Speech.

Moving an amendment regretting the Government's "failure to safeguard" the health service and criticizing its plans for legislation to "commercialize" health care, he said that proposals were being imposed on people who did not want them by a Government that had no mandate for them.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, said that, despite the vast increase in resources, MPs complained of hospital beds being closed. This showed the need for reform in the way they spent the large sums provided.

MPs should be pressing for much more commonsense in the way the system was run. "An unreformed NHS, run on the basis on which it has been run for so many years, tends to lead to a position where the best units get themselves into difficulties and the poorest and weakest units have a quiet life."

Mr Cook, who opened his speech with a reference to the ambulance dispute, said that Mr Clarke had already lost the dispute. The House of Commons was the only place in Britain where a vote in support of the ambulance staff might be lost. Mr Clarke's planned advertising campaign would not roll back the tide of public support for the ambulance crews. The only way for him to show faith in his case was to put it to arbitration.

The proposed changes in the NHS were "unloved and unworkable". The Government had no mandate for them nor had it been able to get any support for them. Every patient organization was overwhelmingly against the White Paper, yet Mr Clarke maintained that it was the views of patients which mattered, not those of the NHS staff. Patients had refused to swallow his prescription.

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At the end of the day they were all potential patients, and the future of the NHS was a sensitive policital issue.

"Major surgery, therefore, should not be admitted unless there is sufficient consensus among the public that health care is at stake." The more that the public got to know about the proposals, the less they liked them. Opposition on the key proposals had hardened in the 10 months since the debate on them started.

"It is a garage-repair-service model of health care."

The NHS would be following the private sector in its profit motive and the "quick fix". Like the private sector, the design was for those who would require health care only when they were ill, not for the chronic, long-term sick, those who were disabled, or the elderly who required long-term care.

That long-term care was best provided by co-operation and team work between general practice, community nursing and the health service. The Government had never explained how that team work was going to be improved by breaking up the health service.

The Bill would certainly not increase local management discretion as the Government was suggesting. It would give more and more powers to the Secretary of State.

Patients' rights would be reduced. They would have less right to go to the hospital of their choice. Instead, they would be sent to the hospital with which the health authority had a contract.

The Bill did not provide for money following patients, but rather for patients following money. It was not going to be doctors who decided which hospitals were best for patients, but accountants choosing which hospitals were the "best buy".

Mr Clarke had promised that the Bill would change the bureaucracy. "He has certainly changed it. He is offering them the richest gravy train they have ever seen."

His (Mr Cook's) advice to those thinking of joining the NHS was to forget about studying nursing or medicine and instead get a degree in accountancy.

Since the middle of October, patients waiting for operations for over a year had increased by 17,000 and over the same period the number of operations actually fell.

The waiting lists demonstrated a spectacular cash squeeze on hospitals.

The NHS proposals were being imposed on people who did not want them by a Government that had no mandate for them.

During each week of the Bill's passage, Labour would expose and challenge the Government's proposals to break up the NHS. Labour would appeal to the majority against the Bill in the country to join them in defeating the Bill before it was passed or to join them in defeating the Government before it could be implemented.

Mr Clarke said that the Government was now determining the nature of the modern welfare state and the nature of the public services for the next decade.

MPs were about to debate the most important legislation to affect the health service since its foundation in 1948. The Bill would be controversial but the House was united on the principles which underlay the health service: treatment free at the point of delivery.

Everyone's objective was a comprehensive service, accessible to all regardless of means, financed out of taxation. It was silly for the Opposition to try to invent division of principle when there was no division of intention between the two sides.

The health service was going to cost the taxpayer much more. For 1990-91 spending had been set at £28.71 billion, a cash increase this year of 22 per cent or 8.8 per cent after inflation.

That enormous increase represented a deliberate choice by the Government to give a high priority to health-service spending.

There had been a great expansion in the number of patients treated and in an expansion of front-line staff — not accountants — employed by the NHS. The number treated in hospital had risen from 5,300,000 to 6,600,000 per year in the past decade.

There were 67,000 more nurses and 14,000 more doctors than in 1979, and they were better paid.

MPs complained at this time each year of beds being closed. The fact that large numbers of district health authorities had to close beds, showed the need for reform in the way they spent the large sums he had been describing (Conservative cheers).

Every district authority in England was spending more in real terms than it did last year, and all were treating more patients.

The trouble was that they had no means of controlling the pace at which they expanded services and of matching it to growth without chopping and changing. MPs should be pressing for much more common sense in the way the system was run.

Future generations would wonder why Labour lined itself up with reactionary vested interests inside the service.

He had been asked why people did not believe the Government's view of his proposals. "The Labour Party poster protest campaign is a measure of the number of people that they have succeeded in misleading and frightening about the actual content of our reforms."

On the ambulance dispute, Mr Clarke said that he trusted that there would now be common sense and civilized behaviour on all sides. He wanted no more "fooling about" with how one did or did not work radio telephones.

There were those on the Opposition benches who accepted the extremists' view that the there was no obligation to operate the emergency services unless the money was paid out.

If a future Labour government were to run the health service on the basis of going to arbitration every time a group of workers took strike action, they would reduce it to the same shambles as they had when last in power.

As had been seen in other sectors, irresponsible action cost money and jobs. He did not want to see that happen and with the involvement of the more responsible Association of Professional Ambulance Personnel in the process, he hoped that would be avoided and a satisfactory result would be achieved.

The Labour Party had not come up with anything new for the health service.

ALISTAIR GRANT



Ms Harriet Harman and Mr Robin Cook, Labour health spokesmen, delivering more than 40,000 cards protesting about the condition of the National Health Service to the Department of Health in London yesterday

Minister under pressure on Aids

The Government came under renewed pressure in the Lords to pay full compensation to haemophiliacs infected with the Aids virus after treatment by the National Health Service.

Lord Molloy (Lab) said at question time that its policy of stopping the production of a "quite safe" British product had created these victims. It had then ordered an import from America that had caused all the trouble. He urged an answer to this vital question.

Lady Hooper, Under Secretary of State for Health, said that he was endeavouring to make her admit fault on behalf of the Government. Since this matter was before the courts, "it is not appropriate for me to make any further comment".

Famine aid for Ethiopia

The Government should make a statement to MPs about reports of a threatened new famine in Ethiopia, Mrs Ann Clwyd, Opposition spokesman on development and co-operation, said on a point of order. She said that the famine could be even worse than the one in 1984 in which 500,000 people starved to death.

Mrs Lynda Chalker, Minister for Overseas Development, had made a statement outside the House about the matter. It was important that one was made in the House, giving MPs an opportunity to discuss the volume, quantity and type of aid that Ethiopia should receive.

Religion on television

There is no reason why television programmes dealing with religious matters should not continue, and indeed proliferate, although religious groups will continue to be disqualified from holding licences to run television services under the Government's proposals for broadcasting reform, Mr David Waddinton, Home Secretary, said in a Commons written reply.

The Government proposed that religious groups should be allowed to run independent radio stations.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Defence; Prime Minister. Conclusion of debate on the Queen's Speech (subject: The economy).
Lords (2.30): Conclusion of debate on the Queen's Speech (subject: The economy).

Government in confusion on environment, peers told



Lord McIntosh, who spoke of Mr Patten's "conversion"

The Government was in total confusion on the environment after the interview on television by Mr Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, peers were told in the resumed debate on the Queen's Speech.

Lord McIntosh of Haringey, Opposition spokesman on environment, said that Mr Patten's "conversion to green policies" was not reflected in statements by the Prime Minister or other Cabinet colleagues.

Mr Patten had made a "very significant move" towards a better view of the balance between public and private transport by talking of the need for higher taxes on petrol to reduce the use of the internal combustion engine. By calling the predicted 140 per cent growth in vehicle numbers in the next 35 years "wholly unacceptable", he had implied a greater emphasis on public transport.

"They are policy statements which are new to the Conservative Party and mark a very considerable advance. They will now have to be carried out in practice ... not only by the environment department but by other major departments of state."

Mr Patten had gone on to say something that this Government had never recognized before — that being keen on the environment was not a cost-free option.

"We shall be very interested to see in the next Budget and the next autumn statement where costs are going to be identified and where the money is going to be found."

The Prime Minister had shown a reliance on the market and had made the most extraordinary claim "that we can rely on the multinationals to protect our environment".

Her interest in litter was a long way from the real environmental issues facing this country. These were going "to cost money to deal with and are going to require a very different attitude from the reliance on market forces which is the hallmark of the Prime Minister's approach to these problems.

"The conversion of the Secretary of State before the television cameras is a long way from a coherent and effective environmental policy."

Opening the debate, *Lady Trumpington*, for the Government, said that much of the organic food now being sold by retailers could be produced in this country.

The Government was doing its part by sponsoring the UK register of organic food standards and was undertaking research into organic methods of production.

"But it is for farmers themselves to assess the opportunites provided by the demand for organic production and to provide what customers and consumers clearly want."

Modern farming could cause environmental problems and the Government was determined to deal with that. It would not tolerate irresponsible action by producers who failed to show sufficient concern for their livestock or the countryside.

The new Environment Bill would mean the best pollution control of any in the world, a tough new system of waste regulation and a new system of controls over genetically modified organisms.

Some city streets were a disgrace because of the selfish minority who presisted in dropping litter. The Bill would provide a huge increase in the maximum fine for this to £1,000. "I hope that magistrates will use this new power widely."

Lord Mackie of Benshie (Lib Dem) said that farming incomes had dropped to less than 40 per cent of their level 12 years ago.

It was all very well to advise farmers to take in lodgers and have other enterprises but all the farmers in Britain could not diversify. They had to rely on producing food which saved on imports. "They need protection to do that."

Lord Shackleton (Lab), chairman of the select committee on science and technology, said that the provision for the Nature Conservancy Council "looked as though it could be a sort of bureaucratic mess".

No fewer than seven new institutions were being created and how individual members would have access, and the ability to take part in their research, he did not know.

But he was not going to pass judgement because this was a matter which the select committee would wish to look at and call evidence on.

The Prime Minister's speech at the United Nations was outstanding. Unfortunately, some of her ministers did not seem to be able to carry out some of things that she wanted.

Questions: Department of Social Security

Pensioners 'being cheated'

An accusation that the Government was cheating pensioners in order to pay for tax handouts for the wealthy came during Commons questions from Mr George Foulkes (Carrick, Cumnock and Doon Valley, Lab).

He asked Mr Tony Newton, Secretary of State for Social Security, to review his decision not to uprate pensions in line with earnings.

Mr Newton said that he did not plan to change the basis on which pensions were uprated.

Mr Foulkes said that the result of changing the link with earnings was that the Government was robbing a single pensioner of £12.65 a week and a married couple of £20 a week.

Mr Newton said that pensioners' average total net incomes had risen by a quarter under this Government, much more quickly than under Labour. The main reasons for this was the sharp drop in inflation compared with when Labour was in office.

He said later that four out of five of those recently retired had investment income from savings, and three quarters had occupational pensions. So it was right that the Government should concentrate extra state help on those who had not had the chance to build up savings and occupational pensions.

Mr Stanley Orme (Salford East, Lab) asserted that under the last Labour Government, pensioners' incomes had increased in real terms by more than 20 per cent above inflation. Would Mr Newton see to it that pensioners "get a real return" with Christmas bonuses.

Mr Newton: That sounds a pretty major own goal from the Minister for Social Security in the Government which failed to pay the Christmas bonus in two years.He added later that under this Government the value of pensioners' incomes from savings had risen by 64p in the pound. Under Labour it fell by 16p in the pound.

Ms Clare Short (Birmingham, Ladywood, Lab) wondered if Mr Newton had completely lost contact with what was happening in Britain. Millions of pensioners found it difficult to manage, especially with high heating bills now. Breaking the link with earnings had cost them a huge amount of money. The earnings/prices link should be restored.

Mr Newton maintained that the Government had helped those who needed it most.

Concern over heating costs

When was the Government going to do something for the many thousands of people who would not be able to afford the expense of heating and cooking in a cold winter, Mr William O'Brien (Normanton, Lab) asked at question time.

Mr Nicholas Scott, Minister of State for Social Security, said that income support was intended to meet all day-to-day needs, including heating. Groups with extra needs, such as the elderly, disabled and families, received additional help through the premiums.

When the weather was very cold those receiving income support who were elderly, disabled, or had a child under five, were eligible for a cold-weather payment from the social fund.

Mr O'Brien said that the Government should not hide behind certain categories of payment. There were pensioners paying more in standing charges than for the gas they were using. Would action be taken to ensure they did not pay £2.50 a therm?

Mr Scott said that it was because the Government recognized the extra pressures of those on low incomes, whether or not they were out of work, that it had picked out this group for special help within the social security system, rather than spreading the help too thinly.

Mr Anthony Favell (Stockport, C) said that anyone on a basic pension with no other source of income was entitled to a supplementary pension to help with these costs.

Mr Scott agreed.

Mr Paul Flynn, an Opposition spokesman on social security, said that, even if the bitter weather of the previous 48 hours were to continue for another five days, not a single person in England or Wales would qualify for a severe-weather payment. such was the absurdity of the miserly scheme.

The life-saving scheme of loft insulation and draught prevention was on the point of collapse in seven counties, yet every winter there were 40,000 deaths of people who were old and cold or very young and cold.

Mr Scott said that the excess winter mortality had been reducing steadily. He had launched a "Keep well, keep warm" campaign last week aimed at those at risk from cold weather.

The scheme of a £5 cold-weather payment had been of help to vulnerable groups when the weather got very cold.

Britain has 'high arts standards'

Britain had the highest standards for drama, music and museums, Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, said during question time exchanges, when he countered attacks on the Government for being philistine on the arts.

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman for the arts, congratulated Mr Luce on his achievement in getting increased funding for the arts, but added that, even after the increases, Britain was still at the bottom of the European league with one third of 1 per cent of Government expenditure.

Mr Christopher Butler (Warrington South, C) had opened the exchanges by congratulating Mr Luce on the increased funding.

Mr Luce: The increase shows a renewed sense of strong commitment to the expansion of the arts.

Mr Norman Buchan (Paisley South, Lab) said that this philistine Government's help for the arts was barely above inflation for this year compared with last, and for the next two years it would be much below.

Mr Luce: If he regards this Government as philistine when real resources have gone up, I must ask what was the Labour Government in the 1970s?

Mr Toby Jessel (Twickenham, C): The splendid increase of £66 million proves once and for all that the Conservative Government is not philistine but really cares about the arts.

Mr Luce agreed and added that the Government was committed to maintaining taxpayers' support for the arts.

MPs' opportunity to surprise Thatcher

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Prime Minister's question time is the most exhilarating and at the same time noisy and confusing part of House of Commons activity. Today, television viewers get the chance to share the excitement and confusion for the first time.

Twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3.15pm, the Prime Minister answers questions at the Dispatch Box for 15 minutes. If Mrs Thatcher is otherwise engaged, and she makes considerable effort, when possible, to ensure that her other commitments do not clash with these important parliamentary occasions, the questions are taken by Sir Geoffrey Howe.

The Leader of the Opposition or his representative is always called by the Speaker at Prime Minister's questions and, unlike other MPs, Mr Neil Kinnock sometimes puts two or three questions to Mrs Thatcher. If Mr Kinnock is absent, his deputy, Mr Roy Hattersley, usually stands in for him.

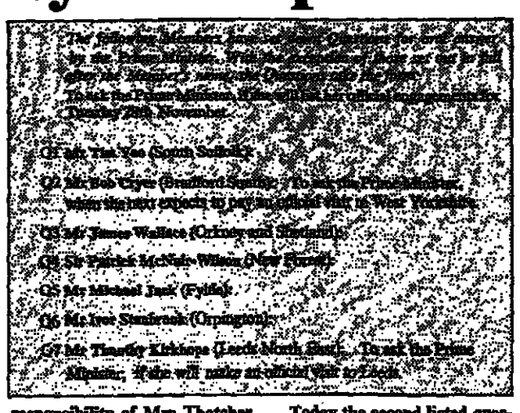
The illustration gives an idea of what today's Order Paper should contain.

The questions are chosen by lot (recently computerized). The Speaker calls the name of the first questioner, who rises and calls the number of his question. At the same time, other MPs who wish to question Mrs Thatcher rise in their places in the hope of catching the Speaker's eye.

Almost always, it is an "open" question, asking her to list her engagements. This practice has arisen because questions should be directly related to ministerial responsibilities and a direct question about, say, the state of the nation's defences, should properly be directed to Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Defence. Thus, the questioner will present his real interest as a supplementary question to the Prime Minister's activities for the day.

So in the example shown, the Prime Minister will rise in response to Mr Yeo's calling "Number One, Sir" and briefly mention what she is up to today, including, this being a Tuesday, the hope that she will later have "an audience of her Majesty". It is on Tuesdays that the Prime Minister usually has her weekly official chat with the Queen.

Mr Yeo will then come back with his supplementary question, which can be on almost any part of government so long as it can be said to fall within the responsibility of Mrs Thatcher — a rather broad range. This procedure gives Opposition MPs a better chance of surprising her with the supplementary.



Today the Order Paper lists the questions to the Prime Minister for answer on Tuesday 28th November.

Q1 Mr Tim Yeo (South Suffolk):

Q2 Mr Bob Cryer (Bradford South): To ask the Prime Minister, when she next expects to pay an official visit to West Yorkshire.

Q3 Mr James Wallace (Orkney and Shetland):

Q4 Sir Patrick McNair-Wilson (New Forest):

Q5 Mr Michael Jack (Fylde):

Q6 Mr Ivor Stanbrook (Orpington):

Q7 Mr Timothy Kirkhope (Leeds North East): To ask the Prime Minister, if she will make an official visit to Leeds.

Today the second listed question, Mr Cryer's, is specific, dealing with West Yorkshire, his home ground.

Specific questions will often be framed, as the two examples given here are, as inquiries about the possibility of the Prime Minister's visiting the area of the MP's consituency — clearly within her responsibilities.

This gives the questioner the chance to follow up with a question of particular interest to his or her constituents and to praise (in the case of a Conservative) or denigrate (for an Opposition MP) the Government's efforts locally.

Supplementaries to this question must be on the subject of West Yorkshire, and thus fewer MPs should rise to speak while questions two and seven are being dealt with.

To subsequent "open" questions, the Prime Minister will simply refer the questioners "to the answer I gave some moments ago", rather than repeat the list of her engagements.

Sometimes the Speaker will not call a question, having been advised in advance of a listed MP's absense.

Should he call an MP from the Order Paper and get no response, however, the angry cry will go up from MPs: "Where is he (she)?", mainly from opponents wishing to draw attention to the lapse.

With the exception of the Prime Minister, who often consults a large brief when parrying the thrusts aimed at her, MPs are not allowed to refer to notes during question time.

If an MP is spotted by opponents glancing at a "crib" when putting a question, the cry "Reading!" will go up and, if the questioner persists, it will be repeated with increasing volume until the offender stops or the Speaker intervenes.

Questions: Social security

Benefit help for the young

All 16 and 17-year-olds are to be interviewed about their claim for income support unless there is no doubt about their entitlement, Mrs Gillian Shephard, Under Secretary of State for Social Security, announced at questions. All such claims would be considered under the hardship provisions if entitlement was not automatic.

The announcement, which Mrs Shephard described as "administrative improvements to ensure that all claims from 16 and 17-year-olds are handled more effectively and sympathetically" was welcomed by Opposition MPs.

Mr Paul Murphy (Torfaen, Lab) said that 16 to 18-year-olds had been badly treated as a result of the social security changes [which changed their right to benefit]. These young people were among the most vulnerable in society.

Mrs Shephard did not agree that they had been badly treated. None had any need to be without an income because there was a Youth Training Scheme place, with an allowance, for all 16 to 17-year-olds. The Government's policy had operated without difficulty for the great majority of young people, 400,000 of whom were benefiting from YTS.

But government monitoring had shown some difficulties for a small minority and for that reason interviews were being arranged.

Mr Nicholas Bennett (Pembroke, C) said that the present arrangements were much better than those in force under the last Labour Government when many young people had been able to stay at home doing nothing and still draw benefit.

Mrs Shephard said that it was in young people's interests to take advantage of the training available to them.

Mr Archy Kirkwood, Liberal Democrat spokesman on social security, quoted a report of the National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux which had shown that the severe-hardship provisions were not being shown to homeless young people. Would the Government review the level of benefit because it was iniquitous and wrong for people living independently to be penalized because they were young?

Mrs Shephard said that it was right to be concerned about the information available to young people. With the aid of the voluntary groups, the Government was to produce a leaflet specifically aimed at this group.

Mr Barry Field (Isle of Wight, C) said that some parents were pushing their children out in order to save money. Did the Government plan to recover some social security costs from such parents?

Mrs Shephard said that the department had no evidence of this occurring.

Mr Michael Meacher, chief Opposition spokesman on social security, asked how young people could get a job unless they had somewhere to live, and how could they get somewhere to live unless they had the lump sums demanded by landlords. Yet the Government still refused young people the finance to make such payments. About 10,000 young people were now sleeping rough in freezing weather in cardboard boxes.

Mrs Shephard said that there was no need for any young person to be without income because they could take up a place on YTS and receive an allowance. The Secretary of State for the Environment (Mr Christopher Patten) had recently announced new housing measures in this area.

SPECTRUM

Inside the Kremlin's last colony

More than nine months ago, the last Red Army soldier marched over the border from Afghanistan, symbolically marking President Gorbachov's determination to rescue his country from Brezhnev's disastrous military 'adventures'. But, Nicholas Bethell believes, Soviet money and arms are still pouring in to aid the Kabul regime

ALAIN KELER



A "gift" from Moscow: Afghan troops in Kabul with a display of weapons left after the Red Army withdrawal



Leading questions: President Najibullah in policy talks with Bethell

Three times a week, Aeroflot operates a scheduled flight from the Soviet Union to Kabul, capital of Afghanistan. The journey from Moscow to Tashkent, in central Asia, takes about four hours. Then the onward leg is made by a huge, windowless Ilyushin military transport, normally used to carry heavy tanks.

This is a journey to the Soviets' last fully dependent colony and its timetable is determined not by the weather, strikes or air traffic control — but by the shells and missiles of mujahidin rebels.

Walking through the door of the Ilyushin is rather like entering the hold of a ship. Its conversion into a passenger aircraft is rudimentary. About 150 old aircraft seats, many without seat belts, are clipped to the floor, suitcases are tied down with ropes. The owners of the luggage are Soviet advisers or Afghans returning from the Soviet Union. Children sit on the floor, between their parents' knees. Thick electric cables dangle like vines from the high ceiling.

At the end of a 90-minute flight come the fireworks. The mujahidin have ground-to-air Stinger missiles and have not ruled out the idea of using them on Soviet passenger aircraft. The Ilyushins, therefore, fly out of range, high over the mountains that surround Kabul. Then they descend in a spiral, releasing a flare every few seconds to deceive the Stingers' heat-seeking guidance system. Even in the clear morning light, the flares shine through the two tiny portholes at the back of the aircraft with amazing brightness.

The Tashkent-Kabul shuttle is symbolic of the Soviet Union's still-enormous involvement in the Afghan war. On February 15 the last Soviet fighting soldier walked back across the bridge to the Motherland. But Soviet power is still very much in evidence in Afghanistan, keeping in place the government which its army installed 10 years ago. It is becoming a source of amazement to Washington that Gorbachov is ready to see the downfall of hardliners in the German Democratic Republic and Czechoslovakia, to contemplate substantial withdrawals from Ethiopia, Angola, Nicaragua and Cuba, and yet remains apparently determined to back the man whom Brezhnev installed as head of state security in Kabul in the wake of his now discredited 1979 invasion.

Millions of Soviet mines still pollute the Afghan countryside. Several dozen Soviet advisers are still trying to keep the Afghan army up to scratch. And, according to the mujahidin, Soviet warplanes are bombing their positions from bases across the northern border.

Kabul still has the massive stockpiles of arms left behind by the Soviet army. And arms are still pouring in, including the sophisticated Scud missile, which is fired at mujahidin bases up to 150 miles away. The CIA estimates that Kabul receives £190 million worth of Soviet military equipment every month. Their own supplies to the mujahidin, they say, represent a fifth of that.

The war has increased Kabul's population from 800,000 to more than two million, but the city still feels only half alive. The streets are wide, but the traffic is thin. There is no petrol for private cars. The army is everywhere and, as dusk falls, the streets empty entirely in preparation for the 10 o'clock curfew. Several times a day a sudden explosion shakes the windows, reminding us that the mujahidin are only a few miles away and that Kabul is under siege. Outside the city centre, the roads are falling apart. They have been churned by tracked vehicles and there is no means of repairing them. Cars slow to a crawl, with what is left of the tarmac scraping the bottom of the chassis every few yards. And there is the ever-present problem of security.

Kabul was cut off to road traffic the week I was there. A big convoy of supplies was blocked on the road from Mazar-i-Sharif in the north. The road to Jalalabad was also impassable, except with a heavy military escort. Kabul was getting none of the country's natural gas resources and, after a dry summer, hydro-electric power was scarce. On several evenings there were power cuts.

It is at such times that the capital has to rely on its air-bridge. All day huge Soviet aircraft roar in and out of the airport, carrying not only arms but food and fuel to keep Moscow's beleaguered friends in business.

But what about the cost of it all to the Moscow taxpayer? They are a constant reminder that President Najibullah controls not a country, but an archipelago of densely inhabited cities, with only irregular communication that is kept going by massive subsidies from a country which is itself in deep crisis.

How can the West justify economic aid to the Soviets, when much of the aid could be diverted to Najibullah's dubious government in Afghanistan?

And, as Gorbachov's problems worsen, at what point will he conclude that the cost to his economy and reputation of continuing to support Kabul is becoming unacceptable?

The Soviet government has admitted that its invasion of Afghanistan was a mistake. "We violated national and international law," Eduard Shevardnadze, the Foreign Minister, told the Supreme Soviet last month. "It taught us a severe lesson." Why, in that case, does Moscow still provide such extravagant support to the Kabul regime? The Soviets' strong personal support for Najibullah is, indeed, a mystery. Shevardnadze described him as "a true patriot" and spoke of his "courage and political maturity". Yet this is the man whom the Brezhnev regime put in charge of Khad, the Afghan secret police, which has inflicted great cruelties on the Afghan people.

According to Najibullah, more than a million of his country's 17 million people have been killed since the April 1978 military coup. Another five million have been crippled, including an estimated 300,000 children who have lost limbs. Five million have become refugees abroad and two million, still living in Afghanistan, are displaced from their homes. In other words, the war has devastatingly affected more than half the population.

Najibullah says it is time to "forgive and forget. If we are open-minded, then all Afghans can get together. It is in this spirit that we declared our policy of national reconciliation". He read me passages from his new constitution, guaranteeing human rights, free elections and an independent judiciary. He says he is ready to find places in his government for "all political groups".

Since 1986, I was told by the Minister of Internal Affairs, Najibullah has released 17,523 political prisoners by presidential decree, leaving 2,561 now in jail, convicted of anti-state crimes, 338 under investigation and a few hundred others awaiting trial. Najibullah gave me a "present" of three convicted mujahidin "in honour of your visit". "I would like to close the place down, turn it into a factory," the commandant of Pul-e-Charki prison told me.

This was the message that everyone in authority in Kabul was anxious to get across to me. "It is a matter of regret, what happened in the early years of cruelty, after the revolution," said Goolam Yacubi, now Minister of State Security. But these crimes, he says, were done by Hafizullah Amin, whose life and rule were ended in 1979 by the Soviet invasion.

"We hate war. We are sad for those brothers of ours, displaced and living in Pakistan," said Colonel-General Muhammed Watanjar, Minister of the Interior, who allegedly fired the coup's first shot in April 1978. But, they all insisted, all that is in the past. Afghanistan now has an elected parliament and its application for membership of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, the international organization of parliamentarians, will be considered at a meeting in Nicosia, Cyprus.

None of this makes much impression on the Afghan interim government in Peshawar, Pakistan. In its view, the Kabul government is a puppet of the Soviet Union, the murderer of the Afghan people and an apostate from Islam. The most that Professor Mujadedi, the interim government's president, would concede was the possibility of talks with "good Muslims" in Kabul and of an amnesty for those who served the regime. "We are being more forgiving than you were after the Second World War," he told me. "You put your enemies on trial in Nuremberg. And you hanged them."

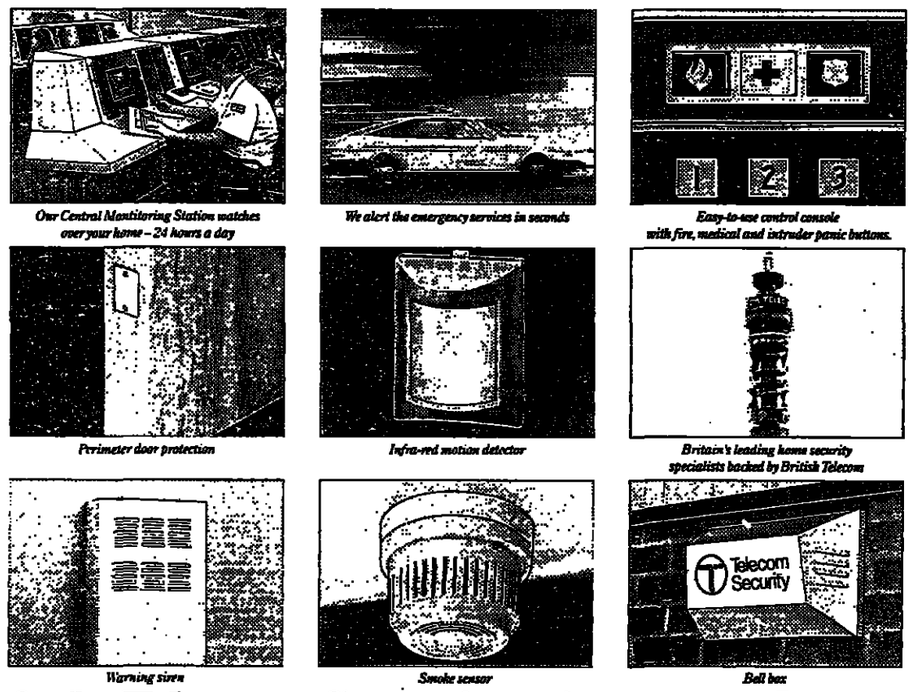
Farouk Azzam, the interim government's Minister of Education, is scathing about Gorbachov's reforms and intentions. Moscow's ambitions were always towards the south, even in tsarist times, he says, and its withdrawal from central Europe will merely free scarce resources for a proxy war in Afghanistan.

The mujahidin, it is said, have done badly recently. They have failed to capture cities. Their internal divisions have become open wounds. Their efforts today are meagre and uncoordinated. Their rocket attacks alienate public opinion in the cities. Even if Kabul decided to surrender, there is no one with whom it could meaningfully discuss terms.

The difficulties faced by the other side, though, seem even more overpowering. This is very damaging to the new "human face" of the Kremlin, especially in the United States.

Kabul may not be taken by assault, but it is being slowly and effectively strangled and it will probably die. Or maybe the Soviet Union will decide in its own interest to turn off the supply tap and allow Brezhnev's proteges to give up the power conferred on them by the Soviet army, in 1979.

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One of the trendiest current buzzwords is *proactive.* It is the latest thing in the lingo of management and advertising. Business and political commentators — who spend all their time telling or hearing some new thing — drop the word nonchalantly into their pieces without explanation.

Here are a couple of recent examples of the fashionable epithet. *The Daily Telegraph:* "The federation, an umbrella body for 45 trade associations, has shifted from a reactive to a proactive role. 'We were in a highly negative phase in 1986 and for a large part of 1987, but we have now adopted a *proactive* approach,' Mr Mackenzie explains."

And here it is in *Campaign,* the advertising industry magazine: "Charles couldn't help but be impressed as he listened to Camilla explaining to the client the need to adopt a more *proactive* stance to raise the company's investor relations profile."



The word is new. *Proactivator* has been used in biochemistry for 30 years to mean a precursor of the activator of a compound. *Proactive* has been around in the jargon of educational psychology for less long than that, as a technical term referring to interference in the learning process caused by things learned previously.

The word is derived from a Latin compound meaning, literally, "acting forwards or in advance". This is contrasted with reactive, or acting backwards or afterwards. The *proactive* is a go-getter and self-starter, who makes things happen.

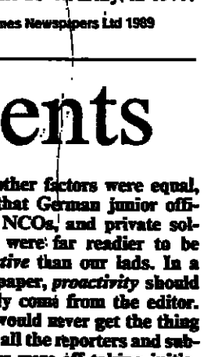
Organizations and individuals need to be both *proactive* and reactive. If you are purely reactive, you may be left behind by market forces and innovation, or spend your whole life teaching simple algebra to duffers. But the world needs inspiring teachers of algebra to duffers. If everyone were *proactive* all the time, like ants at a picnic or bees without a hive, life would be hell, and business impossible.

So in an army, it is the generals we want to be *proactive,* and the regimental officers and non-commissioned officers to be generally reactive and carry out their orders, though in an emergency they may have to be *proactive.* One reason that the Wehrmacht tended to outfight the Allied armies in the last war, when numbers, logistics, and other factors were equal, was that German junior officers, NCOs, and private soldiers were far readier to be *proactive* than our lads. In a newspaper, *proactivity* should mainly come from the editor. You would never get the thing out if all the reporters and subeditors were off taking initiatives.

Proactivity is a virtue, in life and in business. But it is not the sole virtue. The word is a pretty silly piece of jargon. It seems to me that *active* without the prefix conveys its meaning. With any luck it will be so overused by the trendy that it will eventually become a laughing-stock, and die of shame. But in the historical dictionaries it will tell future social historians something significant, and not entirely flattering, about the *Proactive* Eighties.

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FASHION by Liz Smith

Off the slopes and on to the street

Skiwear and high chic are no longer poles apart ...

High-altitude fashion is making a stylish descent from the ski slopes on to the streets this season. The padded parka, key to the fashionable sporty silhouette that tapers from hooded jacket to racy-looking stretch pants or leggings worn tucked inside sturdy flat boots, even appears in glossy satin and taffeta, often fake fur-trimmed.

Even the skier's belt-bag, that essential piece of equipment in which to stow the sunblock and small change, has moved into mainstream fashion. It played a starring role in the recent Chanel show in Paris, in white quilted leather worn strapped to a classic Chanel suit in white tweed.

Smart skiers translate *après-ski* as active skiwear with a life beyond the slopes. Expensive fluorescent all-in-ones that merge with the glare of the ski-run, but are an eyesore on the streets, are avoided.

Insulated jackets in chic monochrome or smart, earthy shades can be found that use the same high-performance fabrics, devised originally to protect pilots baling out into icy seas, and polished up by Nasa into featherweight space-age insulation.

Drawstrings at waist and hem, designed to be pulled closed against wind and snow, storm cuffs and draught-excluding flaps over zips are rugged, functional details in fashion today.

Monochrome chic exists in regular skiwear lines. Daks ski wear, insulated with water-resistant Climaguard microfibre, looks streamlined in burgundy, navy, sage, plum. Priced from £229 for a jacket it is available from the Simpson Ski Shop at 34 Jermyn Street, W1.

Belfe's parka with diagonal zipper in insulated Tactel that looks like stone-wash denim, with discreet self-coloured embroidery on the front in rust or plum, sells at branches of Snow & Rock for £229. The new Timberland store in New Bond Street stocks Patagonia's range of fashionably rugged waterproof storm jackets and lumberjack-check shirts.





Above: Mustard resin-coated cotton parka with lightweight polyester padding, also in bottle green, taupe, chocolate, navy, burgundy, £125, Marc O'Polo, 3 Southampton Street, WC2; 24 Princes Square, Glasgow; Royal Exchange, Manchester and branches. Cream and black duck-patterned sweater, £195, black and cream flower-patterned knitted leggings, £69, both Joseph, 18 South Molton Street, W1; 16 Sloane Street, SW1; 77 Fulham Road, SW3. Brown leather baseball cap, £20, Bond, 10 Newburgh Street, W1. Vicuña wool muffler, £10.50, Simpson, Piccadilly, W1. Gloves, £3.99, Liberty, Regent Street, W1.

Left: Goosedown-padded reversible nylon jacket in brown and beige, with detachable gilet in blue denim and leather, £230 the set, Chevignon,1 Charlotte Street, W1; Selfridges, W1; Company, 14 Church Street, York; Union, 8 High Bridge, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Cream wool hooded cardigan, £60, French Connection, 44 South Molton Street, W1, and branches. Cream wool turtleneck sweater, £19.99, Next, all branches. Black Levi 501 jeans, £35, Soldier Blue, 184 King's Road, SW3. Tan leather belt bag, £16, Bond, 10 Newburgh Street, W1. Tan suede gloves, £35, Invertere, 34 Jermyn Street, W1. Boots, £105, Timberland, 72 New Bond Street, W1; Selfridges, W1; Harrods, SW1; Harringtons, Guildford; Roxtons, Edinburgh. Sunglasses, £60, Cutler & Gross, 16 Knightsbridge Green, SW1.

Make up by Charlie Duffy. Hair by Joe Carney for Daniel Galvin
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PEOPLE

House with style

When a designer shop opens in a fashionable London faubourg it often means another exercise in style chutzpah from an Italian or French design supremo. Few British designers set themselves up to sell the full repertoire of lingerie, hats, scarves, belts and bedlinen as well as clothes.

Tomorrow, however, **Caroline Charles** is At Home to her customers in just such a showcase, a smart double-fronted 1830 house restored by **David Mlinaric**, with design studio and salon above two floors of shop at 56-57 Beauchamp Place, SW3, right across the road from her original premises.

After 26 years in the business Charles finds herself in a position, unique among British designers, with loyal customers at home (they include **Emma Freud, Miriam Stoppard, Judith Chalmers, Lady Leonora Lichfield**) whose lifestyle and needs she instinctively understands, and a following abroad.

"I recently got a shot of new confidence," she explains. "Don't ask about turnover figures, as they always sound ludicrously small in international terms. But this is a profitable, growing business. We are up and running in Japan as well as here."

As well as her bedlinen range for Dorma and a forthcoming hosiery range in this country, there are lucrative licences for wedding dresses, daywear and textiles in Japan. A private clientele in Madrid, Paris and New York, where she regularly shows, enjoys regular supplies of her quiet, thoroughbred English clothes, all beautifully packed.



Wide-ranger: Caroline Charles in gilt-buttoned red wool jacket, £240

The real Price of success

Designer **Antony Price**, winner of the British Fashion Council's award in the "glamour" category, celebrated his real moment of triumph last week when most of the best-dressed partygoers at the £250-a-plate Tiffany ball at Cliveden, organised by Marie Helvin in aid of Aids, turned out in his frocks. "You do see them around," he says of his high-profile clientele, who include **Jerry Hall, Patsy Kensit** and **Tina Turner**.

Price's best-seller of the season is a short, strapless number in crushed velvet with hammered, swathed shawl, to which he has given the unglamorous name of Bloodhound. "Out of a batch of 60 styles, it is amazing how they pick the same one — and nobody wants to wear long skirts," says Price, whose brand of British glamour and short, shapely cut sells in American stores as well.





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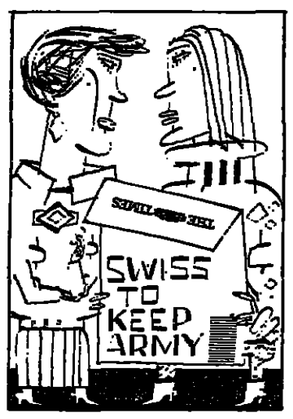
One reliable sign of true revolution is the emergence into the open of political jokes. In Wenceslas Square in Prague, demonstrators are asking each other the difference between '68 and '89. Answer: 180 degrees. All right, so we have a bit to go before Czech humour merits a late-night slot on Channel 4, but give them a chance. Personally I was much more entertained to learn that they have been setting off the air-raid sirens to add to the mood of jollification, but switching them off quickly in case citizens are alarmed that the whine is for real. Who, in the present circumstances, do they imagine is going to bomb them? Just about the only candidates left are the Romanians, and they are far too busy bulldozing their villages and rehousing the peasantry in hideous concrete agri-complexes to have any destructive power to spare for their neighbours.

Christopher Patten, our new Environment Secretary, who for some reason seems to be just about everybody's favourite politician, observed at a conference yesterday that he was now in charge of a department which a few years ago had "the great good fortune" to have Michael Heseltine as Secretary of State. Now that, of course, might mean nothing at all, yet in spite of his appeals for loyalty and his own apparent adherence to the present incumbent of the Tory throne, could he just possibly be nailing his colours to another mast at the same time? Keep your options open, Chris; it's the secret of survival.

● I shall not be employing the firm of accountants in Uckfield, Sussex, who specialize in the landowing affairs of local squires and yeomen. They are called, I trust inappropriately, Swindells and Gentry.

You have my word for it that Nelson Mandela *will* be released soon. And I have that on no less authority than the man himself. Recently, from his prison near Cape Town, he sent word to friends outside that he would like a raincoat. Not only is such a garment somewhat superfluous for someone in the slammer, it seldom rains in the Cape at this time of year. However, it was positively throwing it down at the weekend in Johannesburg, which of course is where all the black political action is, as well as the weather.

BARRY FANTONI



'Thank heavens, I've just bought Neville one of their expensive knives for Christmas'

On the subject of weather, this column's resident meteorological sage, Arthur Mackins, reports from his Bognor redoubt that this year's sunshine records in southern England will exceed even those of glorious 1976, with many places having passed that year's total by the end of August, and still piling on the hours through a magnificent autumn. Many places will end the year with as many as 2,300 hours; even in 1976, sunny Jersey managed only 2,156 hours. Mackins also predicts a mild winter, on the dual grounds that sea temperatures are high and that a bad winter never follows an exceptionally good summer. Applying Mackins' Law of the Seven-Year Cycle, he further predicts good news for 1990, as 1969, 1976 and 1983 were all scorchers. There will, he says categorically, be no white Christmas. Customers of bookmakers William Hill, on the other hand, have been investing so heavily on that eventuality in recent days that the odds against a White London on December 25 have been cut from 10-1 to 9-1. I prefer to believe Arthur, since it has not snowed in London at Christmas for 19 years.

According to the Paris police vice squad, the Bois de Boulogne after dark is increasingly the haunt of foreigners plying the oldest profession. The latest roundup, in freezing conditions, produced a sizeable bag of Colombians, Spanish, Portugese, Ecuadorians and an assortment of Africans. And, of course, the usual "Boys from Brazil" — extrovert transvestites who have become something of a tourist attraction. A previous swoop of a similar nature produced the memorable Paris headline: "Police detain 50 in Bois de Boulogne; 20 men, 20 women, 10 still undecided."

Des Wilson defends the right to campaign and protest

Don't muzzle the charities

The news that Mrs Thatcher is to ask ministers to restrict the campaigning activities of charities receiving Whitehall funds is a matter of deep concern.

To be free to protest at official incompetence or to appeal to the public conscience and so trigger urgent action, some organizations may have to reject the terms of their grants, and decline or return the money. Others, especially dependent on Whitehall support, may be silenced. It is not just the charities but the public who will be the losers.

This initiative is repressive, and intended to be so. The rationale is that charities should not be involved in politics. If this meant party politics, there would be no problem, for the majority have no such involvement, knowing that association with one political party would cost them money and credibility. What is unacceptable is the stipulation that charities should not be involved in the body politic.

Politicians in power tend to confuse the two. Because they equate the interests of the state with those of the ruling party, any criticism of official policy or state provision — often inevitably criticism of the government of the day — is said to be "politically inspired". In making this accusation, the Prime Minister and her advisers presumably hope that public memories do not extend back to the Wilson and Callaghan administrations, of which charities such as Shelter were equally critical.

Also inherent in this attitude is the belief of many politicians that political matters are their concern alone, and that if we wish to be involved in politics, we have to be involved in party politics. This denies the reality of a vast voluntary sector and its valuable contribution to public debate. Some of us believe that some political matters are too important to be left to party politicians, and that on some issues, independent thinking is desperately needed. In any case, are we not entitled to choose how we play our part in a participatory democracy?

It is exactly 20 years since the Charity Commissioners, disturbed by the activities of Shelter (of which I was then director), devoted a section of their 1969 report to their concern at the increasing desire of voluntary organizations to be involved in the causes with which their work is connected.

As I said at the time, in the whole history of mindless bureaucracy, this expression of concern must be one of the most mindless. Was it really proposed that people should not be involved in the causes with which they are connected, that those who help the homeless should not be involved with the homeless, that those who work for the relief of Third World poverty should not be involved with the issue of poverty? It was absurd.

While these days the Charity Commissioners are more enlightened, the same attitude lurks behind this latest attempt by Downing Street to restrict the activities of charities. In effect, the voluntary sector is being told to donate its money, devote its time and dirty its hands in the relief of need, but not to criticize the shortcomings of policy that it may uncover, and not to campaign for the resources it needs, lest it embarrass the ruling political party and find itself stripped of charitable status or denied Whitehall funds.

To this the voluntary sector must reply that it does not speak out about these matters out of choice; it has a duty to do so. Take the case of Shelter. It seeks to help the homeless, but it knows that for every family it can help, there are many hundreds it cannot. By its work with the homeless it develops practical understanding of the effects of national and local policies, and of where resources are needed and why. To silence it would mislead supporters into the belief that Shelter has the answer to the housing problem, so letting off the hook the responsible authorities, and it would deny fellow citizens the special insights it can offer.

The voluntary sector is not an army of manual workers to be deployed and patronized by the state. It has a remarkable record of contributing to policy-making, social reform, and the exposure of need. It has a responsibility and a right to be heard on issues on which it is well qualified to pronounce.

The advice from Downing Street should be seen for what it is: an attempt to silence knowledgeable critics and so cover up policy inadequacies and the lack of money being spent in many key areas. My hope is that the voluntary sector will rebel loudly at this initiative, taking its lead from a document published by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations a few years ago: "The spirit of charity cannot be muzzled — it will always spontaneously cry out against injustice and oppression... whatever judges may rule that charity means within the letter of the law, the spirit of charity will retain its concern for social justice and the improvement of the human condition...charity — romantic but unsentimental concern for the fate of every human being — cannot sit back quietly in the face of misery, suffering and violence. The spirit of charity rebels..."

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Giving Nato a post-Wall role

As Western defence ministers meet in Brussels, Adam Roberts argues that policies of confrontation must make way for co-operation

With the advent of a new era in international relations as the Berlin Wall crumbles, what will be the new security configuration in Europe?

Nato and the Warsaw Pact were created at times of tension over Germany: the North Atlantic Treaty was signed in Washington on April 4, 1949, during the Berlin blockade; the Warsaw Treaty was signed on May 14, 1955, nine days after the ending of the three-power occupation of West Germany, and its entry into Nato.

It may once have been reasonable to fear that the Soviet Union and its allies, including East Germany, intended to communize West Berlin violently, or to unify Germany on their own terms. The pointers today, although uncertain, are towards Western ideas of multi-party democracy and economic freedom spreading eastwards.

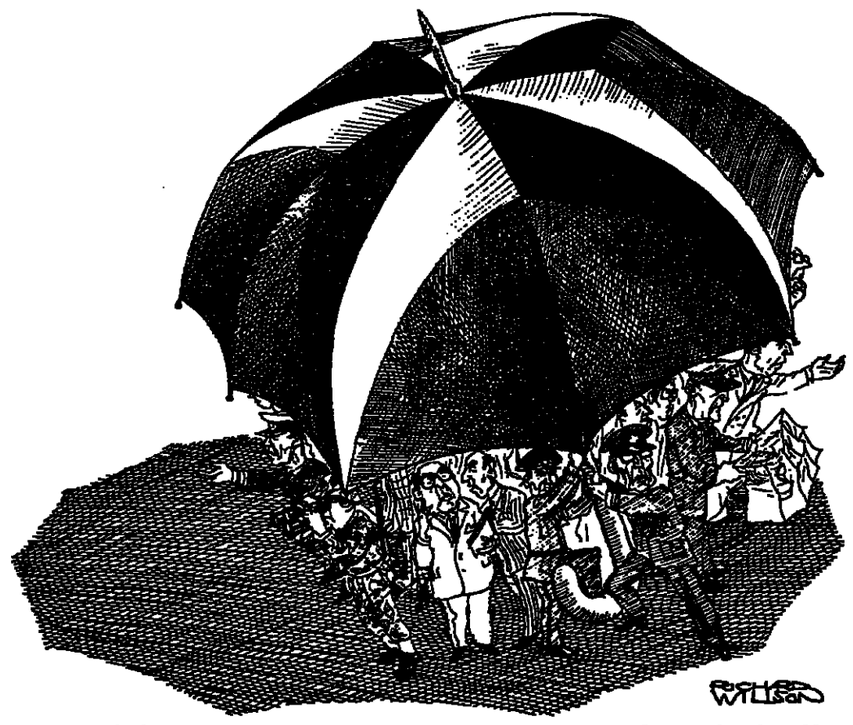
It is not only in Germany that there has been a transformation since 1949. Czechoslovakia in 1947 had been a disturbing example of a country which, uncertain of itself and fearful of Soviet pressure, yielded to local communists with their terrible certainties. Now the Red Flag is at half-mast almost everywhere it flies, and those few capitals where Marxist doctrine is still loudly proclaimed — Peking, Pyongyang, Tirana and Bucharest — have a beleaguered air, fearing not so much Nato or imperialism as people power: the mass strikes, demonstrations, and emigrations which have so dramatically changed the face of most of Eastern Europe.

Against this background, it would be reasonable to say that Nato has served its purpose; having lasted for 40 years (an exceptionally long time for an alliance) and seen Europe through a difficult period of ideological confrontation, it can be dismantled, much as the scaffolding is taken down when a building is complete. Do we need so huge and powerful a machine to confront the changing Soviet Union of Mikhail Gorbachov?

Yet there is no sign that Nato is about to disappear. It is less questioned today in member countries than it was at the beginning of the 1980s. This may be because of inertia: governments seldom change security policy fundamentally except in times of crisis. And where is the crisis today?

Six main reasons can be put forward for Nato's continuance. That most often cited is the Soviet military threat. In 1989, much more so than in 1949, the Soviet Union has a quantitative superiority over the Western powers in many categories of military hardware. Indeed, one consequence of *glasnost* is that this military imbalance is now clearly shown in booklets published in Moscow as well as Washington. One does not have to accept all the gloomy warnings that Gorbachov's policies cannot last to accept that the caution of Western military planners is justified.

Secondly, Nato contributes substantially to arms control. In the past its security framework has reduced the risk of certain member-states developing their own nuclear weapons. Now it is harmonizing different national positions in arms control negotiations, especially the Vienna talks on conventional force reductions, which involve all 23 members of the two major alliances. These talks are making astonishing progress: in 1990 the two alliances may present Europe with the most elaborate agreement on conventional arms control ever concluded.



Thirdly, Nato remains a key element in handling the German problem. It was once said that Nato exists to contain the Russians for the sake of the Germans, and to contain the Germans for the sake of the Russians. The second task may be more important in future. Construction of the Berlin Wall in 1961 foreshadowed a period in which the inviolability of European borders became accepted, and superpower relations improved; its demolition has raised the question of reunification, which worries others besides the Russians.

Fourthly, the Soviet Union seems less worried about Nato. Over the past few years the ambiguous Soviet concept of the "common European home" has been refined to leave ample room for a US security role. At a time of upheaval in Eastern Europe, Gorbachov does not want to face new unknown factors following an American withdrawal.

Fifthly, Nato's existence has convinced the Russians of the futility of war — shaping Gorbachov's whole world view — and has contributed to the recent developments in Eastern Europe. The Nato states, individually and collectively, played a major part in the various Helsinki and Vienna negotiations on co-operation and security in Europe, enunciating key principles (inviolability of frontiers, freedom of travel, human rights) which have facilitated the process of change.



'It may have to deal not with big wars fought in the mind but with actual small conflicts . . . it can no longer afford a single fixed enemy'

Finally, Nato will continue because it is very hard, even now, to imagine an intellectually convincing and politically plausible alternative. Few wish to return to a Europe of narrow, unfettered sovereignty and military autarky. Two world wars are advertisement enough of the perils of such a course.

George Kennan, whose "X" article in *Foreign Affairs* in 1948 came to be seen as the intellectual underpinning of the Nato alliance, said in the *International Herald Tribune* recently that Nato will have to change profoundly because of the developments in the communist world.

Nato will indeed have to adapt. Its degree of reliance on nuclear weapons, targeted on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, will be called into question, even if the alternatives are not cheap or easy. Its strategic doctrines need to be brought more into harmony with its defensive purposes. It may have to deal not with big wars fought only in the mind or the computer, but with actual small conflicts.

It may need to operate in much closer conjunction with the United Nations, the effectiveness of which is increasing. It may have to collaborate with the Warsaw Pact in a wider range of matters, accepting that, in a world which will remain dangerous and unpredictable, it can no longer indulge in the luxury of having a single, fixed enemy. It may have a less prominent role than in the past.

There is no reason why Nato cannot begin to move in such directions. The framers of the North Atlantic Treaty prepared the way 40 years ago. The treaty names no adversaries, and makes generous references to the purposes and principles of the United Nations. The old vehicle of Nato still has some uses — if it can adapt.

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Why the European turmoil has Israel worried

Jerusalem

Richard Owen reports on a loss of American interest as strategies change

As events in Eastern Europe reshape the East-West relationship, a new anxiety is gripping Israel: that it is ceasing to be a prime strategic asset to the US. Israel is still militarily strong; the prospect of another war with the Arab states is remote; on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the two-year-old Palestinian *intifada* appears containable. Today it is the threat of a fundamental change in the Washington-Jerusalem axis that worries strategic planners here. To use the new jargon, they fear that the Bush administration is about to "deprioritize" the Middle East.

Such a move would also reflect US frustration at lack of progress in the peace process. The plan for Arab elections in the occupied territories — which the Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, put forward in April in response to the *intifada* — was taken up by Egypt and by the US, which laid down a possible framework for dialogue between the Israelis and the Palestinians.

But Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization have made apparently irreconcilable demands. Israel says the PLO must be excluded, and the agenda for "talks about talks" must be limited to the Shamir election plan. Meanwhile the PLO insists that it alone should nominate the Palestinian delegation, and that the agenda must be open, to allow for discussion on the eventual aim of a Palestinian state, which is precisely what Shamir hopes to avoid.

The issue came to a head at the weekend meeting of the Israeli cabinet, with Shamir dismissing suggestions that his recent talks in the US showed that US-Israeli relations are on a new course. President Bush, he said, had assured him that Washington would not press Israel to deal with the PLO or to make concessions at the outset about the final status of the occupied territories.

Shamir denied that criticism by American Jews of his "hardline" stance has any significance, and that Washington is angered by Israel's continuing links with South Africa. And he said that Richard Cheney, the US Defence Secretary, had assured him that events in Eastern Europe will not alter the US-Israeli relationship.

Other sources suggest that Bush and Cheney sent a rather different message. According to Martin Indyk, director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington has been telling Israel bluntly that in future it will be "needed less than before as an outpost of democracy".

Speaking at Tel Aviv University yesterday, Indyk outlined the reasons why the importance of Israel to the US is diminishing: the threat of a Middle East war with superpower involvement has receded; the Iran-Iraq war is over; there is no oil crisis; Syria is too embroiled in Lebanon to start a conflict; the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty is secure; and Iranian-style Islamic fundamentalism is under control. Meanwhile, Israel's action in putting down the *intifada* has damaged its image in American eyes, as have its links with Pretoria.

Indyk concluded: "To the extent that the Cold War is really over, there is a feeling that we Americans no longer have to contain the spread of Soviet influence — and this means we have less need for those partners who once helped us in this effort." To Americans who distinguish between the hardline and the reformist East European leaders, Israelis such as Shamir and his defence minister, Yitzhak Rabin, look "more like Ceausescu than Gorbachov".

Some Israelis retort that this is to misunderstand the realities of the Middle East. Binyamin Netanyahu, the deputy foreign minister, points out that despite elections in Jordan, Israel is still the only fully-fledged democracy in the Middle East, and as such is a bastion of Western values. The lesson of recent tragic events in Lebanon, he says, is that "the winds of liberalism and tolerance which are sweeping Eastern Europe" have passed the Arab world by.

The commentator Amos Gilboa warned in the Israeli daily *Maariv* that the collapse of communism does not mean that the world as a whole is "marching towards an era like that in the visions of the prophet Isaiah". There is, he wrote, a strain of messianic romanticism in Israel which makes people long for a peace in which all would "live under their own vine and fig tree", but Israel cannot rush to deal with the PLO or allow a Palestinian state because "around us is a sea of Arab dictatorships. The Arab masses have not yet gone into the streets — and if they do, it will be for the sake of dark, extremist Islam."

None the less, Gilboa also concludes that "our status as a strategic asset to the US is on the decline", adding that Israel is no longer "a sort of land-based aircraft carrier". The Bush administration, he notes, is "not noteworthy for its sentimentality towards Israel", and Israel's standing in the eyes of American Jews and Congress is "not what it once was".

Behind such observations lies the fear that Congress will cut US economic and military aid to Israel (currently $3 billion a year), at a time when the Israeli economy is under strain and Israeli society is bracing itself to absorb thousands of Jews from the Soviet Union. Some Israelis say that this is an opportunity to streamline their economy without being propped up by the US, and to find a a new role in the Middle East. At all events, comments *The Jerusalem Post*, Shamir is wrong to suppose that world events do not require fundamental rethinking in Israel. If the Middle East dispute produced only "mutterings in the White House and yawns in the State Department", the paper said, Israel would soon find itself "wholly on its own".

David and Goliath in the rooms

If you put your ear to this page, there is a fair chance that you might just pick up a curious low grinding noise. Do not be alarmed. It is not some horrible marketing breakthrough, like the musical underpant, nor yet that faint murmur of the Earth's decay which Thoreau claimed the sensitive soul could detect coming off tree trunks, and which might therefore, I suppose, transfer itself, however attenuated, to newsprint.

It is only the pitiful sound of a man vainly struggling to chew less than he has bitten off.

Really sensitive souls, indeed, might have detected it 24 hours ago. For the alerting wink was tipped in yesterday's *Times*, where page 7 displayed two charming pictures, one embracing the other: a fetching photograph of the radiant Miss Amanda Marshall showed her clutching a delightful David Hockney drawing of Stanley standing on the sunsoaked terrace of his elegant Malibu premises. Stanley is Mr Hockney's dog. Stanley is wagging his tail. Miss Marshall is smiling. Cheeriness everywhere. Nothing, you would think, to generate low grinding.

Until you came to the caption. This explained that when Mr Hockney was invited to send a signed copy of his book to be auctioned on behalf of the Cancer Research Campaign, he not only did the autograph, he filled the entire endpaper with a drawing of Stanley gazing at it. It is a Hockney original. When it comes under tonight's hammer at the Royal College of Art, it ought by rights to fetch very serious money indeed. Sotheby's, whom Miss Marshall consulted, say so. Sotheby's know a thing or two about art auctions. This gives them something of a thick edge over tonight's auctioneer; should you wish for an accurate measurement of that thickness, think of it as the difference between Sotheby's and someone who knows absolutely nothing about art auctions.

When I conducted it last year, the auction was a mere book auction, and a very jolly affair it was, too: a packed audience of generous punters, more than happy to cough up money well over the odds — if the signatories will forgive me — for a suitably defaced Bragg, or Archer or Theroux, presided over by a fool charged with parting saner folk from their money. Nor should we discount that factor in the largesse which was generated by what might be called secondary charity: the boundless hearts of the bidders were clearly going out not merely to the Campaign, but also the hapless incompetent leaping about on the dais before them, who was able to cozen large sums of money not through the professionalism of his efforts but through the pitiability of their amateurishness. Verily I say unto you, charity shall cover a multitude of sins.



ALAN COREN

But this year, ie this very night, all that must change. At a single stroke — more accurately at several strokes — Hockney has thrust me into the major league. For Hockney is walking gold. When Hockney idly traces his finger through spilt beer, a queue forms to buy the pub. When Hockney blows his nose, laundries float share issues. And since mere Hockney prints regularly command five figures, what might an original not seduce?

The short answer is that nobody knows; the longer answer is that it all depends on the auctioneer.

I know both these answers, because after yesterday's *Times* blew the gaffe, my phone did not stop. It did not stop receiving calls from parties wishing to know what the reserve would be, or what the estimate was, or what I thought I was playing at, and it did not stop transmitting calls to people I felt might know any or all of these. A fat lot of use they proved, too: some said that the great auctioneer wore a sneer of cold command and ruled with a gavel of iron, others insisted that he must ooze charm and fleece by flattery, yet more argued that he was Toscanini, now cunningly bringing up the wind, now gently encouraging the brass, whatever the hell that meant.

I unburden myself not, for once, to burden you, but to do you a favour. I suggest you turn up. For big Hockney collectors have, Miss Marshall ecstatically informs me, now been alerted, which, of course, has served not only to strip nerves to the bone; it has also raised the odds that someone with five bob could, in the imminent chaos, get very lucky.

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RESPONSIBLE FREE SPEECH

There was no precedent for the editors of all Britain's national newspapers to meet as they did in London last week to discuss newspaper ethics. But then there is no precedent to the threat to press freedom arising from the growing public pressure for legislation to curb unethical behaviour. This pressure had to be heeded; firstly, because any attempt at a statutory remedy would surely be worse than the disease; secondly, because it is important, now and always, to maintain and improve the standards of British journalism.

If newspapers are to continue to play their role as one of the pillars of an open democracy there has to be a minimum level of public confidence in their activities. It may well be that newspapers have allowed themselves to publish things they would once have declined to print; it may also be true that the public threshold of tolerance has, for whatever reason, imperceptibly risen. Evidence of the latter would include the recent quantum leap in damages awarded by juries for libel.

While newspapers have repeatedly declared their abhorrence of statutory control, they have so far failed to carry public opinion with them – a salutary reminder to editors that there is a limit to the influence they wield, even when unanimous. The public has not always been able to distinguish special pleading from honest concern for the public good. It is none the less the sincere conviction of responsible journalists, from every type of newspaper, that any law to enforce ethical conduct – by attempting, for instance, to prohibit the invasion of privacy – would seriously harm the public interest. In the name of protecting the innocent, it would shelter the guilty. Many a crooked alderman would sleep easier in his bed, knowing the press was barred from making the inquiries that might bring the disgrace he deserved.

The declaration issued by the newspaper editors yesterday, to which *The Times* is a signatory, commits them to adopt as a general practice the principle behind a recent innovation at *The Sun*. There, a senior editorial executive was appointed as an "internal ombudsman" to receive, investigate and propose remedies for complaints from its readers. It was met with initial cynicism in some quarters, but it is proving successful. Complaints from readers of *The Times* have always been taken seriously, but will in future be dealt with through these new channels.

What will be created, therefore, is an intermediate "user-friendly" layer in each newspaper office to mediate and moderate between the parties whenever interests conflict or grievances arise. The Press Council, which is already reviewing its own procedures with a view to strengthening its influence, will remain as the superior court. It may also find itself with the useful additional role of seeking to maintain consistency of practice between the various newspapers and their own "readers' representatives." That consistency will be helped by the editors' unanimous endorsement of five basic ethical principles. None of them is new, but all needed restating with emphasis.

In response, therefore, to the threat of regulation by statute and the courts, the editors are proposing enhanced self-regulation. Statutory regulation already exists in many other areas of British public life, but there is an excellent reason why it should not be extended to journalism. It is that the rights of journalists – to ask questions, state facts, express opinions – are in essence no different from the rights of the citizenry at large. They rest on an identical perception of what it means to be free. Held inalienably by journalists and non-journalists alike, they constitute the right to freedom of speech itself. If that is curtailed, it is curtailed for everyone, and that would be to the detriment of democracy.

THE POUND AND THE MARK

In the current climate of British politics it would be easy, putting two and two together to make five, to interpret the further decline in sterling against the Deutschmark as a further symptom of this country's present economic difficulties. It is, after all, true enough that the strength of sterling is not helped by Britain's inflation, trade deficit, high interest rates and prospective low growth next year. Nor is confidence assisted by the political uneasiness generated by Westminster talk of a challenge to Mrs Thatcher's leadership of the Conservative Party.

Furthermore, the markets have had to adjust to something of a change of tone in ministerial utterances on the subject since Mr Lawson's attempt to defend the DM3 pound. Mrs Thatcher has made it clear that she regards the present level of interest rates as designed to bear down on inflation rather than to defend the pound as such, while Mr John Major, over the weekend, rightly stressed the importance of not building too much on day to day fluctuations.

Nevertheless, when all due weight is given to Britain's domestic problems, the central fact remains that the new surge in the Deutschmark against other currencies is fundamentally the consequence of the underlying strength of the German economy in relation to all its European competitors.

As a result, the mark has for some time been undervalued in relationship to the other currencies within the European exchange-rate mechanism. That in turn has a knock-on effect on the relationship between the mark and other currencies. Yesterday, the mark strengthened not only against sterling but against other EMS currencies and the dollar. The international markets are acknowledging the strong fundamentals of the West German economy, Europe's undeniable powerhouse.

Successive governments in Bonn, powerfully backed by the Bundesbank, the independent central bank so admired by Mr Nigel Lawson, have argued that exchange rates, most importantly the dollar/mark relationship, have failed to give West Germany due recognition for its economic efforts. West Germany's partners in the European Monetary System, however, have vigorously resisted market pressures which would long ago have dictated a realignment of the EMS parities to reflect the underlying strength of the anchor unit, the mark. Without that realignment, West German goods stay relatively inexpensive, only helping to push its already disturbing trade surpluses still higher.

Thanks to a surge of interest in all things German since the momentous wave of change in Eastern Europe started to breach the Berlin Wall, there has been a thorough review in the world's financial centres of Germany's future. The possibility of reunification, or close economic alliance, of the divided nation, has fed the foreign exchange dealers thoughts, taking them still wider to the idea of a "Deutschmark bloc" that would dominate Central Europe.

There were initial qualms about the prospect of a mass exodus inflicting short-term damage on the West German economy and raising the spectre of higher inflation. The markets have now come to the conclusion that the opening to the East will in the longer-term make the wheels of West German industry turn still faster.

The mark's strength over the past week reflected this perception and the fact that West Germany is still anxious to secure some currency appreciation. German interest rates will have to remain high by their standards, and could go higher, to prevent overheating, while in Britain and the United States, recession fears ought to prevent interest rates rising any further. In such a scenario, little wonder that the mark has been making substantial gains.

NO REGRETS

Although no dinner party conversation is now complete without a sequence devoted to the greenhouse effect, the subject is scarcely new. As long ago as 1896, a Swedish scientist called Arrhenius speculated that over a period of centuries, industrial pollution might double the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere and raise the global temperature by 5 per cent.

Accurate monitoring of carbon dioxide was established at Mauna Loa in Hawaii in the 1950s, and it was then that the prospect of global warming first began to exercise the scientific community. It found its way on to the political agenda only in the 1980s. Interest intensified after 1985 when the British Antarctic Survey identified the related phenomenon of the seasonal "hole" in the ozone layer.

In 1987, the United Nations received the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development, chaired by the then Prime Minister of Norway, Mrs Brundtland. This called for global development that was sustainable within the ecological means of the planet, and concluded that this could be achieved only through a reduction in the consumption of energy.

There followed an intergovernmental conference hosted by the United Kingdom in London this spring, and a seminar on global warming held at 10 Downing Street. This led to the setting up of a Ministerial Review Group, which is to meet annually under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister, who has taken a keen interest in the subject.

Public interest now runs high. The Energy Committee of the House of Commons recently reported on the implications of the greenhouse effect for energy policy in the United Kingdom, and this is followed today by a report from the Lords Committee on Science and Technology into the scientific grounds on which policy should be based.

The committee proceeds with proper scientific caution. Although it accepts that the global mean temperature is higher now than it was in 1850, it does not find it yet proven that significant global warming will take place. By the time that proof is available, however, it will be too late to take remedial action. The committee therefore recommends intensive research and monitoring to establish exactly how quickly the world is warming up.

If global warming were to take place on a significant scale, the effects would be severe. In some parts of the world, there would be hurricanes, flooding, coastal erosion and drought. The United Kingdom, as a result of changing ocean currents and wind patterns, could expect to become even colder.

Uncertainty about how the climate, especially cloud cover, will respond, makes predictions of major change unreliable, and the committee believes that effective research may take between 10 and 15 years. It emphasizes that the decisions which will inform attempts to halt global warming will be both difficult and expensive, and urges the establishment of a firmer base of scientific knowledge.

In the committee's view, the research and monitoring should be undertaken internationally. It believes that the United Kingdom, the repository of some of the greatest expertise, should take a leading role. Since the report was drafted, the Prime Minister has announced the establishment of a national Centre for Climate Modelling at the Meteorological Office.

The committee also endorses the need for monitoring of polar ice cover and sea levels. They recommend that the work of the British Antarctic Survey should be maintained and that the Arctic research of the Scott Polar Research Institute should be enhanced.

The Government is fortunate that the Lords committee has been able to muster such a formidable array of expertise. Their plea for action now, by way of insurance or "no regrets" policies, should be speedily endorsed. The premiums involved are a modest outlay and constitute good public policy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fees that seem far from simple

From Mr P. A. Sergeant

Sir, One cannot help but be delighted (report, November 20) that the CBI is taking up the cause of investment by individuals as against investment by institutions. It is the case, however, that nobody with a modest sum to invest will bother to invest in securities which have to be purchased through a broker and also sold through a broker when the time comes. The fees are far in excess of what may be expected to accrue in value of the shares on a modest purchase.

Particularly is this so when the minimum fee applies. Solicitors like myself used to charge far less than brokers when buying or selling land. Solicitors received a bad press because of their charges, yet their work in connection with land purchases and sales was and is far more in time and skill than that of a broker in buying and selling shares.

Would it not be possible for purchases to be made by the ordinary citizen through a much wider range of persons besides brokers? Accountants, solicitors, and others would surely be qualified to send a message to dealers and professional bodies do have indemnity funds which could be adjusted to cover liability arising out of dealings, with perhaps a limit of something like £10,000.

To get the ordinary citizen interested in equities and investment generally the first thing to arrange must be easy and inexpensive access. The PEP scheme would surely have been far more successful if the tax benefits were not eroded by the fees of brokers, institution managers, and others.

Yours faithfully,
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Medical files

From Mr G. D. Scott-Kerr

Sir, The Court of Appeal, in *W v. Egdell* (Law Report, November 20), has ruled that a consultant psychiatrist who had become aware, in the course of his professional relationship with a client, of information which led him to fear a danger to the public was entitled to communicate that fear to the responsible authority.

This ruling is set to undermine the trust which patients have in their doctors, that they will not disclose to a third party what passes between them during consultations.

During my time at St Thomas' Hospital as a voluntay worker on the psychiatric ward, we were taught that anything confided to us by a patient was confidential. If it were important that another member of staff should be made aware that something was seriously amiss, our instructions were that the ward sister should be told that a chat by her with the patient would be in the best interests of everybody concerned, and the implications of such a suggested course of action would not be lost on the sister or any of her staff nurses.

Yours faithfully,
G. D. SCOTT-KERR,
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Harrow,
Middlesex.
November 21.

Language teaching

From Mr P J. M Geelan

Sir, There can surely be no disagreement that we urgently need increased foreign language competence in Britain. But it must be doubted that this will be brought about by more grammar in our schools as long as young people are not exposed to foreign languages on a day-to-day basis, as are our Continental neighbours.

In a small hotel in Bruges last week, the television set in each room was equipped to receive BBC1, BBC2, ITV, several French channels, two Dutch channels, two German channels, and one Italian.

Many private houses throughout Western Europe are hardly less well provided. Yet nowhere has the suggestion been made in Britain that our expanding television service might better reflect our commitment to Europe.

The very least we could do with a new channel 5, or 6, or 7 is to let them carry programmes in French, German, Spanish and Italian on a regular all-day basis.

The hours of pop would undoubtedly attract youngsters and give them a "feel" for these languages that no classroom or tape can match; devotees of soap opera would have a real incentive to brush up their textbook knowledge; and there are few of us blessed with some linguistic ability who would not benefit from watching European equivalents of *Newsnight* and *Panorama*.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. M. GEELAN,
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November 17.

Namibian elections

From Mr Andrew Hubback

Sir, Mr Randolph Vigne, of the Namibia Support Committee, in his letter of November 23 is incorrect about the International Freedom Foundation. We did not support any political party in the Namibian elections (unlike Mr Vigne's highly partisan pro-Swapo committee). The purpose of our mission was to ensure that free and fair elections took place there in line with United Nations Resolution 435. During the visit, the parliamentary observers met officials of all the major parties including Swapo.

Also, outside of Swapo's Ovambo heartland, the organisation won 188,398 votes while the DTA polled 187,169.

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Tory dilemma on leadership vote

From Sir Edward du Cann

Sir, It must be rare for a backbench member of Parliament to receive as much publicity as Sir Anthony Meyer has recently enjoyed. Those of us who have endured it doubt whether "enjoyed" is the right word. Perhaps, however, he has done the Conservative Party a service. Perhaps he has a point.

The Conservative parliamentary party has an undoubted dilemma. The Prime Minister has been brilliantly successful. That is undeniable. Our country owes her much. Yet (although it is whispered, not spoken) she is strikingly and surprisingly unpopular among the electorate, more so than any post-war leader that I remember. (This includes Mr Heath in the two 1974 general elections. It was largely the reflection of that unpopularity which led to his losing the leadership. The party learned a hard lesson to its cost.)

This current unpopularity, the party feels, is unfair. Its natural reaction is to close ranks to support the leader. Loyalty, after all, is the Tories' secret weapon. The next general election is over two years away. Best to postpone a leadership contest is the consensus view.

May this not be a profound mistake? Recent events have severely damaged the party's short and long-term prospects. The authority of the leader is weakened. There is only one way to restore both – for a representative election to be held now. Her victory against all comers would show her to be the lioness we all know and admire. Victory would make her unassailable. Defeat, unlikely as it is, would be an honourable exit.

The possible alternative is a grumbling electorate over the next 12 months, an unhappy party, and a weakened Administration. The country can afford none of these things. Better by far to face the situation now and make a decision for better or worse, one way or another.

Ducking an election now looks like running away from reality. The problem is unlikely to go away.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD du CANN,
9 Tufton Court,
Tufton Street, SW1.
November 27.

From Sir Ian Percival, QC

Sir, We British really can be a miserable lot sometimes. We have a Prime Minister known all around the world as one of the great leaders of the day. We have the excitement of a Europe bursting into freedom – such as should remind us all how lucky we have been to enjoy it for so long – and to have had so much of it restored to us these last 10 years under the leadership and through the vision and drive of this Prime Minister – and not to put any of it at risk again.

We have the great good fortune to have a Prime Minister who can see the dangers accompanying that excitement and the foresight and courage to speak up before euphoria blinds us all.

Yet they snap at her heels. Not just Labour and other political enemies, but some who call themselves supporters.

Of course she will see them all off. No Davids they; pygmies rather. But I do hope that all who do not support will have the courage not to shelter behind the secret ballot but rather the pride to declare themselves openly – and spare the rest of us the shame which they bring upon the Conservative Party.

Yours faithfully,
IAN PERCIVAL,
5 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4.
November 27.

From Canon V M Spencer Ellis

Sir, I observe with some surprise that much of the parliamentary Conservative Party appears to claim that the future of the Prime Minister is solely the concern of the Government. Such a claim is both arrogant and false.

I have frequent opportunities to talk with many who normally vote Conservative, and almost without exception I have found deep dissatisfaction with the leadership of the party.

I know full well the misery and deprivation, indeed actual hunger, which is increasingly suffered by a substantial part of society, because I have seen it, and see it.

I am quite sure that unless the Conservative Party chooses a new leader, and soon, it will deservedly suffer a massive defeat at the next election.

I for one, after some 50 years of voting Conservative, will not do so again until a change is made.

I am, Sir, your sincerely,
V. M. SPENCER ELLIS,
12 Brookfield Way,
Kibworth Beauchamp, Leicester
November 24.

From Mr Anthony Cosgrove

Sir, How ironic it is that when we are rejoicing at the advent of democracy in Eastern Europe a Conservative MP should be reviled by his fellow MPs for rocking the boat because he has the temerity to suggest a contest for his party's leadership for the first time this decade.

Yours sincerely,
ANTHONY COSGROVE.
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Hampstead, NW3.
November 25.

TV sponsorship

From Mr David Elstein

Sir, John Woodward's letter (November 17) criticizes the IBA (Independent Broadcasting Authority) for asking independent producers in future to negotiate potential sponsorship arrangements through the ITV companies who actually broadcast their programmes. Yet who can blame the IBA?

The recent hiatus (report, November 9) in the proposed acquisition of the *Magic Mirror* animation series followed a dozen meetings and letters between the IBA and the producer. Imagine what would happen if the IBA were obliged to deal with all 700 independent production companies in the UK who had programme ideas that might attract sponsorship support.

The IBA would have to abandon all its other activities in favour of something which might lead to not a single programme arriving on the screen. Indeed, even if an independent secured IBA clearance for a finished programme, the producer might well decide at the last moment to offer it to another broadcaster.

Mr Woodward suggests that the IBA's commonsense approach is part of some dark plot to deprive independent producers of their right to raise sponsorship income. It is, of course, no such thing, though the IBA and the ITV companies are rightly careful to stay within the laws and regulations which govern both the sale of airtime and the potential intrusion of an undue element of advertising in programmes funded by non-broadcasters.

If what Mr Woodward seeks is the legalization of barter in the UK, he has the opportunity to argue for it during the debate over the forthcoming broadcasting Bill. However, as far as the *Magic Mirror* series is concerned, the only criticism to which the IBA might be open is that it has taken so long to realize the dangers of trying to negotiate such matters directly with independent producers.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ELSTEIN (Director of Programmes),
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November 23.

El Salvador conflict

From Mr A. S. Papadopoulos

Sir, As Father Campbell-Johnston's letter (November 23) shows, the foul murder of his six Jesuit colleagues in San Salvador has played into the hands of the FMNL (Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front). True to form, this Marxist organisation has always held that the first step towards trying to secure power is to negotiate "from a position of strength" a share in the government well before any elections.

It came as no surprise to me that the FMNL turned down successive invitations to take part in peaceful elections after the Christian Democrats replaced the military-backed regime of General Romero (no relation of the martyred archbishop) in 1979. They sought instead to prevent or at least disrupt the elections to an extent where the results would lack credibility and disguise their lack of wide popular appeal.

The FMNL have claimed that fair elections cannot be held without their prior involvement in government. Yet this year's elections – just as the earlier ones – were internationally supervised and pronounced free and fair. Indeed, by all accounts the large turnout was remarkable in the face of all the terrorist tactics in the FMNL's repertoire.

President Cristiani deserves support and encouragement in his avowed promise to identify and bring to justice the murderers of the Jesuits. To suggest that he should now negotiate with and invite into his government the Marxists with guns in an effort to stop them from using them is to play, this time, into the hands of the extremists on the right.

Incidentally, Father Campbell-Johnson's call for the Americans "to stop financing the war" might, at the very least, have been balanced by a call on the Cubans – and others – to stop arming the rebels.

Sincerely,
ACHILLES PAPADOPOULOS
(HM Ambassador, El Salvador, 1977-79),
14 Mill Close,
Great Bookham, Surrey.
November 23.

The point George Gardiner made in his article (November 17) was not that Swapo had been defeated, but that its 57 per cent of the vote hardly justified the accolade of "sole legitimate representative of the Namibian people" conferred on it by the United Nations.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW HUBBACK
(Head of research),
International Freedom Foundation,
10 Storey's Gate, SW1
November 24.

Empty houses beyond recall

From Wing Commander Derek Dudley Martin

Sir, On November 26, 1987 you published a letter from my late wife, then chairman of Medmenham Parish Council, calling attention to the 80 houses which had been empty for 10 years at the Ministry of Defence (Air) married quarters site in this parish.

Following publication of that letter we had correspondence with the minister and were assured that the ministry hoped to begin the process of disposal "shortly", and we later heard that the married quarters would probably be needed for RAF personnel.

Two years later I have to inform you that the houses are still empty and have been vandalised. They have been allowed to deteriorate and are now uninhabitable.

There are 2,400 people on the district council's waiting list – 918 of them less than 24 years old – and a local charity estimates that there are 44 families and 100 single persons who are actually homeless. Is there really a housing shortage, or are we incapable of utilising our existing housing stock?

Yours faithfully,
DEREK MARTIN,
Cobble Wood, Medmenham,
Nr Marlow,
Buckinghamshire.
November 25.

Social Charter

From Mr Anthony Simpson, MEP for Northamptonshire and South Leicestershire (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, The European Commission's proposal for the Social Charter, due to be discussed at the Strasbourg summit meeting on December 8-9, has encountered considerable opposition from the British Government over recent months. It seems that the Commission have heeded the UK's views (report, November 20).

The proposal, in its final form, emphasises the role of "subsidiarity" – responsibility for the implementation of social rights lies with the member states and, within the limits of its power, with the European Community. Such implementation may take the form of existing national practices.

The text no longer calls for a maximum duration of working time or a minimum income. The right for the two sides of industry to negotiate and conclude collective agreements is made subject to national legislation and practice.

In the light of these and other changes made to the text, it is to be hoped that the steps taken to meet British objections will be matched at the summit meeting by a readiness on the British side to reach a unanimous decision.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY SIMPSON,
Bassets,
Great Glen,
Leicestershire.
November 23.

Culture for the East

From Sir Hugh Leggatt

Sir, Since no one in the West could have foreseen, no one was prepared for the momentous and breathtaking political changes in Eastern Europe.

Moral support for these changes is almost universal, but practical assistance difficult. However could we not give a lead by promoting major cultural events in those countries which might now welcome them?

The offer of staging musical, ballet, opera, and drama performances as well as mounting important exhibitions of the arts and sciences could well give the greatest pleasure. The costs would be relatively small, but the rewards incalculable.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH LEGGATT,
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17 Duke Street,
St James's SW1.
November 26.

Helpmates all

From Mrs Olive C. Boyes

Sir, Mr Hansford-Miller (November 20) wonders what the husband of a woman vicar will do. I would suggest that such a person would do what many a clergy wife has done – namely, obtain full-time, preferably well-paid, employment so that the vicar, the children, if there are any, and the parsonage house are kept in the state to which every one else thinks they should be accustomed.

Yours faithfully,
OLIVE C. BOYES,
The Rectory,
Sampford Peverell,
Tiverton, Devon.
November 20.

Drops of comfort

From Mrs Jean Adams

Sir, You have probably had enough correspondence on house names that reflect their past use, but this one is really unusual and interesting.

There is, in our small village of Walton-on-Trent, a terraced cottage named "Dripping Pan Cottage".

It is one of a row where the inhabitants were too poor, long ago, to afford roast beef, and when roast beef was on the menu up at the hall, the dripping pan was sent down to the row of cottages and the tenants all shared in the feast of dripping from the rich man's table.

Yours faithfully,
JEAN ADAMS,
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Burton-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

THE ARTS

A case of taking liberties

TELEVISION
Rhoda Koenig

Nervous but brave, Miranda Richardson sat up in her 18th-century bed to confide her fear of her violent father. Cut to Professor Gwyn A. Williams, who reluctantly tore his eyes from this tasty spectacle to introduce further scenes from the life of Mary Wollstonecraft. Though the announced subject of last night's all-too-aptly-named *Cracking Up* (Channel 4) was the life and philosophy of the pioneer feminist, its thrilling subtext appeared to be "will the nutty professor get his hooks on Miranda?"

Its climax occurred when she enacted Wollstonecraft's attempted suicide by drowning. A passing boatman fished her from the river, laid her gently on the ground, and then threw back his cloak to reveal . . . why, professor, fancy seeing you!

Wollstonecraft, a novelist and polemicist (she rattled a lot of egos with her *Vindication of the Rights of Woman*), set up a school where, unconventionally, children were treated with respect; travelled to Norway to confront a smuggler who had cheated her lover; and, after finding true love in her marriage to the rationalist William Godwin, died giving birth to the future Mary Shelley. You would think a life like this was dramatic enough without the history-made-interesting treatment, but that was what it got from Williams, who reduced the bewildered-looking Richardson to a mechanical doll for illustrating his *aperçus* in incongruously modern settings.

In period dress, Richardson declaimed her beliefs in a London streetmarket while the camera, perhaps out of embarrassment, averted its gaze to the prices of vegetables. In a blood-spattered gown, she shrieked her rage at the excesses of the French Revolution to bemused passers-by in a Paris square. Rushing down the steps of her publisher's office, she announced gaily: "I'm going to be the first of a new breed!" — a claim I doubt Mary Wollstonecraft ever squealed. On his own, Williams did not lack stock cuteness — a mention of carping was followed by a shot of some fish making mouths.

The biggest joke of the programme, of course, was one that the voluble, pushy Williams never intended: that his script about a campaigner for the liberty of women made her (as well as the marvellous actress who portrayed her) into a servant of his own ego. "They tried to make her an unperson," he bleated about the lack of regard for Wollstonecraft's work. Professor, teach thyself.

TOMORROW

Vera Lustig reports on the BBC team that turned Toulouse-Lautrec's posters into a major radio drama series

Macbeth with a taste of Bali sugar

Isabel Wolff on the theatre company that took Birnam Wood to Bali for a touch of real witchcraft

Nigel Jamieson is a happy man. Barely six months after he set up his new theatre group, Odyssey has become one of the most talked-about of young companies. True, they were guaranteed a certain amount of interest from the start. After all, were they not the ones who went off on a jaunt to some tropical honeymoon paradise?

Well, yes — they all disappeared to Bali for six weeks — but not to play; they went to work, and came back with the basis for a spell-binding production of *Macbeth*. It has been touring Britain, attracting critical superlatives and a big enough audience to fill a football stadium.

Macbeth marks the début for this troupe of committed internationalists, and it is a production in which East really does meet West. Although the darkness and greyness of medieval Scotland are cast off in preference for the Technicolor splendours of Indonesia, Glamis and Cawdor are never far away. The kimono-style costumes are of jewel-coloured shot silk; but tall flag-like banners and ceremonial fringed parasols do convey the formality and pomp of the Scottish court.

It is a dazzling, incandescent production without a hint of black, grey or brown. Jamieson says: "I've always seen the play in terms of hugely bright colours — not this black sepulchral world that we always see Macbeth in."

But the inspirational colours on Bali were not the primary reason for making the 9,000-mile journey there. Nor was it simply a question of taking the actors out of London for a stretch, although Jamieson admits that the warm, palm-fringed spaces in which they worked did have the edge over the usual draughty church hall in Hackney, east London.

Odyssey went to Bali so that they could acquire a range of Eastern physical skills which Jamieson had seen for himself on one of his many stints teaching and directing for the British Council in south-east Asia. This is why he set up the company — to bring to the classical western repertoire a physicality drawn from other cultural traditions.

"For too long," he says, "we've just looked back at our own text-based tradition and not at the stunning cultural life in so many other communities." So the purpose of this odyssey was not so much to rehearse, as to research: to find the blasted heath beneath the coral sand.

One of the most important aspects they studied was the Baris, or warrior dance — a dance both brutal and beautiful, violent and delicate, fair and foul one might say, in which the feet and legs drive downwards and outwards in a pounding, stomping movement while the hands and fingers make elaborate, airy gestures skywards. They also learnt how to play Gamelan percussion instruments, to carve wooden masks, to tell stories in the Balinese way and to do Kechak — a complex rhythmic vocal technique.

To the Balinese these skills are not separate and distinct accomplishments. They interconnect, and they reflect one's standing in society in a way which, to Jamieson's mind, is pure Elizabethan. "All these skills are part of everyone's birthright. Now that's exactly the world that Shakespeare was writing out of. Sir Philip Sidney could write madrigals and poetry, play the lute, fence and dance. Culture and life were not dissociated then the way they are now."

On a purely conceptual level, Bali was also an ideal location to prepare *Macbeth*, because it is an island where the awareness of spirituality and witchcraft, of good and evil spirits, is still all-pervasive. Each morning the actors would awake to find offerings left outside their rooms to ward away bad spirits, and rituals were held regularly in the village temple to ensure the success of the project.

The closeness and immediacy of nature was important to the actors too: the howling of wild dogs, the proximity of scorpions and rats . . . the awareness of the stars and the phases of the moon. Ian Halcrow, who plays *Macbeth*, feels it might take months for them to realize to what extent their western sensibilities have been modified.

One of the most astounding things is that those six weeks in Bali actually saved the company money — and not simply because lunch there only cost eight pence. The return air fares for 15 people were more than offset by the huge savings in production costs. The costumes, masks, swords and props were all made by local craftsmen at a fraction of what they would have cost in London. So the Arts Council's £80,000 grant has been well invested.

Nigel Jamieson hopes that Odyssey has set a precedent. He feels that going to Bali provided a practical solution to some of the problems of rehearsing in London. Can we look forward then to a Samoan *Hamlet*, a Fijian *Othello* or a Seychellois *Lear*?

● Macbeth *is at the Transport Museum, Glasgow, for two weeks from tomorrow.*

CAROL BALIGH



Tribal instincts: the actors would awake to find offerings left outside their rooms to ward away bad spirits



Doctor Ragin (Gennady Krynkin) faces Gromov (Vitali Stremouskii)

No holds barred

THEATRE
Andrew Gibbon Williams

Ward 6
Tramway, Glasgow

We are all mostly inured to film and television violence; it takes live drama to send a shiver of revulsion down the spine. The Moscow Pushkin Theatre Company, being presented here by Tron Theatre, has perfected the improvisation of casual brutality in *Ward 6*, a play based on a Chekhov short story. Rarely can the horror of institutionalized sadism have been made so patent.

Chekhov's theme is the necessity for each individual to work out his own inner sense of freedom. Paradoxically, those incarcerated in the asylum depicted here — lunatics, non-conformists and plain miscreants — find themselves in situations conducive to self-realization.

In *Ward 6*, Ragin, the resident doctor resigned to the hopelessness and insanitary conditions of his charges, finds himself intellectually challenged by one of them, a paranoid but articulate nobleman. As Ragin, the white-haired Gennady Krynkin conveys with great subtlety his character's mental turmoil as the nobleman's logic undermines his moral confidence. This awakening breeds suspicion about Ragin's sanity in the minds of the barbarous guard and a new-broom medic sent from Moscow. After crude, peremptory psychiatric tests, the doctor is certified and dons the filthy uniform of the inmates.

The philosophical dialogue between the main protagonists is punctuated by the warders' frenzied attacks. These are shattering and disturbing episodes. The inmates rhythmically batter the walls and join in musical howls of causeless Fidelian joy before brute force quells their rebellious spirit. At other times the actors evoke the deadening torpor which always emanates from the crushed: the fat character slumped in a corner remains inert except when disturbed to be assaulted; the postal clerk sits on his mattress and toys aimlessly with a necklace.

The Pushkin Theatre's director, Yuri Yeremin, is the first to acknowledge the political implications of *Ward 6*. His treatment of Chekhov's story has clearly been influenced by the perverted use to which asylums have been put in the Soviet Union. In Scotland, however, it is worth recalling Jimmy Boyle's play *The Hardman*, which chronicled the methods used by HM Prison Service to break the human spirit in a Scottish prison not so long ago. Not only totalitarian states need watching.

CONCERTS
David Fallows

BBC SO / Boulez
Huddersfield Town Hall

To close yet another spectacularly impressive Huddersfield Festival, the BBC Symphony Orchestra brought with them Pierre Boulez, who thereby made his long overdue Huddersfield début. It was one of those quintessentially Boulezian concerts, juxtaposing his own work with that of the two men who have had the greatest impact on him over the years, Messiaen and Stravinsky.

Boulez plainly relished the acoustics of the town hall in his own *Eclat* — that glorious last gasp of what one might call the classic plinky-plonk genre, a piece that gains so much evocative luxury from the kind of reverberation Huddersfield provides.

But in that context it seemed strange for Boulez to have tacked his *Multiples* on to the end of it in 1970, five years after completing the original work. *Multiples* needed a clearer ambiance to reveal the sound of all those intricately worked viola lines: too many of the details were lost here. So it was almost as though the double work needed a hall with adjustable reverberation which could be reduced at the touch of a switch.

If the unfamiliar hall resulted in moments of rough tuning and ensemble in Stravinsky's *Symphonies of Wind Instruments* and *Song of the Nightingale*, these were nevertheless richly imaginative and stark performances, of the kind that reminds one how much Stravinsky remains a vital inspiration for so many composers.

And there was no such problem in the immaculately turned chamber music of *Messagesquisse* by Boulez, where the seven cellos created an ensemble that was by turns magical and invigorating. Nor indeed in Messiaen's new *La ville d'en haut*, where the ever-fresh Yvonne Loriod painted amazingly energetic pianistic colours around the orchestra's wind and percussion sections.

Paul Griffiths

Robert Taub
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Robert Taub is a courteous pianist: undemonstrative in his manner, clear and careful in his presentation, effortlessly and selflessly virtuoso, and eloquently beautiful in his phrasing. He has an unusual way of sitting back from his own performances, almost as if the music were coming from somewhere else and simply happening under his fingers.

Skryabin's "Black Mass" sonata was particularly effective when played in this way, its opening a sequence of intimations, exquisite without any striving for exquisiteness, and its big climax seeming to be self-propelled, not calling glory on the performer.

There were also sonatas by Beethoven (Op 28) and Chopin (B minor), both again marked by Taub's delicate intelligence and objectivity, though neither quite so perfectly achieved as the Skryabin. Even so, there were wonderful things: a Chopin scherzo done with startling alacrity, exactness and brilliance of tone, and a classical grace of melody found in a Chopin E flat Nocturne.

It is encouraging to find a pianist of such gifts, who could easily make a career playing nothing but standard repertory, dedicating himself also to contemporary music, and in particular to the music of Milton Babbitt, all of whose solo piano music he has marvellously recorded — or almost all, for his recital on Sunday included a brand new piece, *Emblems*, which was written for him.

Lasting ten minutes, this is a substantial and heartening proof of Babbitt's continuing creative vitality. It is characteristic in its jittery movement and enjoyment of the keyboard's extremes, but novel in its patchwise restriction to small groups of notes: at one teasing moment there are just three in play, forming a C major triad, though even here Babbitt's focused abstraction keeps to its own course. Taub superbly communicated the music's fastidious exuberance, mobility and wit.

Dusting off a masterpiece

DANCE
John Percival

Symphonic Variations
Music Theatre, Amsterdam

Frederick Ashton's *Symphonic Variations* was the first ballet he created after the Second World War, when the Sadler's Wells Ballet (not yet Royal) had just moved into Covent Garden. "Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive", and he produced a very heaven of lyrical choreography, modulating with César Franck's music from a wintry waiting to a high summer happiness.

Recognized at its premiere in 1946 as Ashton's masterpiece, it has been cherished — after a fashion — ever since. But instead of letting it take its rightful place in the international repertoire, it has been kept exclusively to the Royal Ballet and, even there, treated almost like an invalid whose strength must not be overtaxed. Only a few dancers have been allowed to attempt it, and consequently it has gone years at a time without performances.

Many other companies begged for it; all were refused. But now at last it has been allowed out, and the honour has gone to the Dutch National Ballet, which included it in an all-Ashton programme to celebrate its late, great creator, whose version of *The Dream* has been a favourite in the Dutch company's programmes for the past 12 years.

Symphonic Variations has been mounted for them by Michael Somes and Wendy Ellis; he partnered Fonteyn in its first performances and was Ashton's choice to take charge of all recent revivals; she has also danced in the ballet at Covent Garden. The result of their labours looks convincing not only in its physical and rhythmic shape but in spirit too.

There are three casts appearing during the run. I saw two of them, and neither team needed to be ashamed of comparison with recent Royal Ballet performances. In particular, the six dancers picked by Somes for the premiere seemed to me stronger in total effect than those who led off the last Covent Garden revival. One could quibble here and there about details (the finish of double air-turns, the balance in a pirouette), but that is unfortunately true of British casts.

The women especially, Jane Lord in the central role with Nathalie Karis and Esther Proutzman in the hardly less demanding supporting parts, all showed a smooth but cleanly outlined movement quality, and all six dancers seemed to relish the spacings and timings of some of Ashton's most imaginative choreography.

Sophie Fedorovitch's great simple backcloth, with its yellowy green washes and curved black lines on a white background, looks marvellous on the huge stage of the Amsterdam Music Theatre, and the dances also gain from space to breathe, with the one reservation that when the whole cast joins hands to run gently round the stage, it is too big for comfort.

Symphonic Variations is being given with the showpiece duet which Ashton made to Strauss's *Voices of Spring*, and with a revival of *The Dream*, which the Dutch company has given often since they acquired it in 1977. David Walker's modified designs for this big stage look better than any of his Covent Garden versions (except for Bottom's trousers, which are much too smart).

There are some excellent individual performances among the alternating casts. But the most important thing is that the whole cast dance and act the ballet with a lively awareness of the story and the jokes, which unfortunately has not been the case with all recent performances by the two Royal Ballet companies, in London or on tour.

How ignominious to have to go abroad to see a programme mounted specially in honour of the Royal Ballet's founder choreographer, something that has been conspicuously absent at home, but how comforting to know that somebody cares enough to do these works, and to take proper trouble over them.



Symphonic Variations: excellent individual performances

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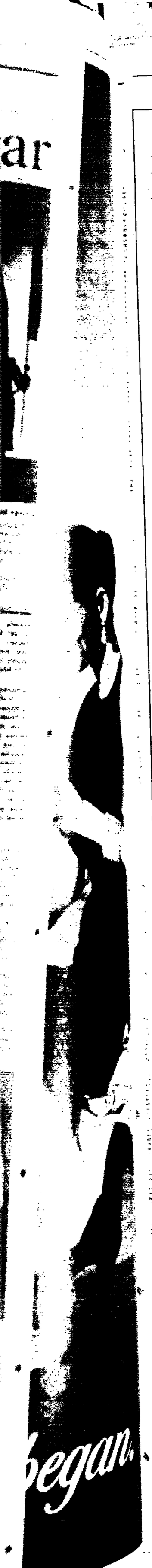
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 27: The Queen and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this evening attended a Reception at St James's Palace in aid of the Racing Welfare Charities.

Their Majesties were received on arrival by the Hon David Sieff (Chairman) and Mr Nicholas Phillips and Mr John Hislop (Trustees of the Racing Welfare Charities).

The Hon Mary Morrison, the Lady Grimthorpe, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Martin Gilliat and Squadron Leader David Walker were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, International President of WWF — World Wide Fund for Nature — left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Montreux, Switzerland, to attend the WWF Annual General Conference.

The Lord Buxton was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Ullswater (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the arrival of The President of the Republic of Korea and Mrs Roh Tae Woo and welcomed Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 27: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, today visited Derby and was received on arrival at the Assembly Rooms by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Derbyshire (Colonel Peter Hilton).

Her Royal Highness, as President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, attended the Centenary Celebrations of the Derbyshire Branch and received purses on behalf of the Society.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was entertained at luncheon at the Royal Banqueting Suite and reopened the building. In the afternoon, Her Royal Highness opened the restored Market Hall.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by The Lady Elizabeth Cavendish.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 27: The Duke of Gloucester this morning presented the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors 1989 Inner City Awards at the Institution's headquarters, Great George Street, London, SW1.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness, President, British Consultants Bureau, opened the "Develop Tourism — with Consultants" Seminar at St James Court Hotel, London, SW1.

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and will visit the Park Lane Fair at the Park Lane Hotel at 3.00.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the opening of the World Travel Market Trade Fair at Olympia at 11.00; a thanksgiving service at St Martin-in-the-Fields at 2.55 with employees of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, to mark the end of their appeal in aid of the fund. As President of REDR - Engineers for Disaster Relief, will attend the annual meeting at the Institution of Civil Engineers at 5.30. Later, as President of the Save the Children Fund, she will attend a reception with representatives of United Cinemas International at Whiteley's store at 7.40, open the new cinema complex and attend the film premiere of *Ghostbusters II*.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, President of the Ladies Guild of the Hospital of St John of Jerusalem, will attend a meeting at Grosvenor Crescent at 11.00.

The Duke of Gloucester will visit the International Building and Construction Exhibition at the NEC, Birmingham, at 12.30.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit British Federal, Dudley, at 11.15; and, as Patron of the Tree Council, will plant a tree to inaugurate the National Tree Week project at Blakeley Special School, Oldbury, at 11.55. Later, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, he will visit System Stecko, Halesowen, at 12.35; and King Edward VI College, Stourbridge, at 2.55.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Friends of Rochester Cathedral, will attend a reception of the Rochester 2000 Campaign at Speaker's House at 6.30.

Princess Alexandra will visit Alexandra House (Royal United Service Short Stay Residence for Service Children) at Berthon Road, Bull Point, Devon, at 12.05; open the new Housing-with-Care scheme of Anchor at Efford, Plymouth, at 1.45; and will visit the new training centre and administration headquarters of the Somerset branch of the British Red Cross Society at Livingstone Way, Taunton, at 4.00.

Luncheons

London Europe Society
Mr John Hume, MEP, Leader of the Social Democratic Labour Party, was the guest speaker at a luncheon given by the London Europe Society yesterday at St Ermin's Hotel. Mr Derek Prag, MEP, chairman, presided. The Ambassadors of the Republic of Ireland and Luxembourg, other members of the diplomatic corps and representatives from the European Parliament were among the guests.

Royal Over-Seas League
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Royal Over-Seas League yesterday at Over-Seas House, St James's. Lord Grey of Naunton, president, and members of the central council were the hosts.

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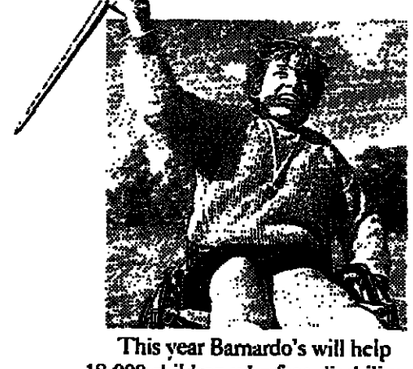
The Duke of Gloucester presented the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors 1989 Inner City Awards yesterday at 12 Great George Street, SW1. Mr David Male, president, was host and Mr David Hunt, Minister for Local Government and Inner Cities, gave an address.

School news

The Princess Helena College, Hitchin
The Governors of The Princess Helena College have appointed Miss Helen Davidson-Wall currently a House Mistress at Wycombe Abbey School, to be Headmistress from September 1, 1990 in succession to Dr Donald Clarke on his retirement.

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SCIENCE REPORT

Evolving a taste for salt

Next time you sprinkle salt on your fish and chips, you can reflect that although it may damage your arteries, the taste for salt has a long and noble evolutionary heritage.

Bacteria are just as fond of salt as people, as Youlin Qi and Julius Adler of the University of Wisconsin-Madison show in the latest issue of *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (vol. 86, pp. 8358-8362). "All organisms require salt," the researchers comment. "Those organisms that can move are attracted to it, and those that cannot move grow toward it."

Nevertheless, most organisms recognise that one can have too much of a good thing, and move away from high concentrations of salt. Surprisingly, the "optimum" concentration is the same for both bacteria and people.

But the salt taste in *Escherichia coli*, every researcher's favourite microbe, went unnoticed until Qi and Adler changed the recipe for the culture medium in which they tested how bacteria responded to chemicals in their environment. Bacteria do not respond to salt unless its concentration exceeds a certain threshold: phosphate in the culture medium bletted out the bacteria's ability to "taste" salt. This only showed through after the researchers cut the phosphate content by 90 per cent.

By "salt", of course, the researchers meant more than simply table salt, or sodium chloride (NaCl). A salt is a chemical whose atoms are held together primarily by electric charges. An electrically charged atom is called an ion, and table salt is made of positively-charged sodium ions (Na+) and negatively-charged chloride ions (Cl-).

The salt on your chips has no net charge because the positive and negative charges cancel one another out.

Things are different in salty water, because the ions separate as salt crystals dissolve. Ions in solution are each surrounded by a flock of water molecules. The sense of taste in bacteria as well as people concerns detecting chemicals in solution, so what we are tasting is not solid salt, but a confection of ions.

These ions need not necessarily be Na+ and Cl-: Qi and Adler show that bacteria find ammonium chloride (NH^4+ Cl-) even tastier. The researchers show that bacteria sense salt with a special chemical receptor protein, MCP I, that they use to detect a whole range of ions besides Na+ and Cl-.

Mutant bacteria that could not make MCP I for themselves were unable to detect these ions, and did not swim to the microscopic "salt lick" the researchers put out for them. This effectively rules out an earlier idea, that there is a special salt-taste receptor especially for Na+ ions.

Nevertheless, several other "taste" receptors are known besides MCP I: bacteria unable to make another, MCP II, suffered a slight impairment in ability to detect salts. So bacteria mostly use MCP I to taste salt, using MCP II as a back-up. The work echoes earlier results, that all kinds of salts besides sodium chloride stimulate salt taste in animals from mammals to insects.

It could be that the salt taste of animals evolved from mechanisms already present in bacteria — despite more than 3,000 million years of evolutionary separation.

Henry Gee

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University news

London
Dr P Caplan has been appointed to a personal chair at Goldsmiths' College.

Mr E Gregson has been appointed reader in music.

BIRKBECK COLLEGE
Appointments
Dr R E White — Chair of Geology, with effect from 1 October, 1989. Previously a Research Associate at BP.
Professor I Armstrong — Chair of English, with effect from 1 October, 1989. Previously Chair of English at University of Southampton.
Professor R J Evans — Chair of History, with effect from 1 October, 1989. Previously Professor of European History at the University of East Anglia.

Conferments of title:
Dr G S Alogoskoufis — Reader in Economics, from 1 September, 1989. Previously Senior Lecturer.
Dr P Barnes — Reader in Applied Crystallography, from 1 July, 1989. Previously Senior Lecturer.

Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine
Grants
Action Research for the Crippled Child: £96,376 to Dr A Schapira to study the development of tissue specificity of mitochondrial respiratory chain proteins.
Leukaemia Research Fund: £74,489 to Dr P L Alvey for computer assisted leukaemia diagnosis.

Durham
Appointments:
Professor of physics: Dr Brian Keith Tanner, currently senior lecturer in physics at Durham.
Professor of geography: Dr Raymond Hudson, reader.
Professor of statistics in the department of mathematical science (from January 1): Dr Michael Goldstein, reader in statistics at Hull University.
Professor of Arab and Islamic studies: Dr Adrian Brockett, lecturer at Leeds University.
Professor of Chinese (from January 1): Mr Keith Leslie Pratt, senior lecturer at Durham.
READERSHIPS (from January 1) Geography: Dr Brian Kenneth Roberts; economics: Dr Peter Stewart Johnson; English: Mr Peter Rhys Lewis; English language and literature (from September 1989): Mr Michael J S Davenport.
LECTURESHIP (from October 1989) Physics: Dr Thomas Shanks.

Nottingham
Appointment to chairs
Modern History: Richard John Geary, BA, MA, PhD (Cambridge), previously head of Department and Reader in German Studies, University of Lancaster.
Education: Roger John Lloyd Murphy, BSc (St Andrew's PCCE (Southampton) PhD St Andrews), previously Senior Lecturer and Director of the Assessment and Evaluation Unit, School of Education, University of Southampton.
Nursing: Jane Jennifer Ann Robinson, MA PhD (Keele), previously Director, Nursing Policy Studies Centre, University of Warwick.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.H. Dovey
and Miss S.J. Manthorp
The engagement is announced between Josh, elder son of Mr and Mrs Selwyn Dovey, of London, and Sheila, elder daughter of Mrs Margaret Manthorp, of Oxford, and Mr William Manthorp, of Droitwich.

Mr D.G. Fraser
and Miss S.J. Mann
The engagement is announced between Graham, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Denys Fraser, of Oving, Buckinghamshire, and Sarah, daughter of Commander and Mrs Graham Mann, of Lymington, Hampshire.

Mr T.P. Kary
and Miss N.A. Chitham
The engagement is announced between Tim, second son of Mr and Mrs John Kary, of Horton, Berkshire, and Nicola, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs Robert Chitham, of Colemans Hatch, Sussex.

Mr D. McCrum
and Miss N.M. Lush
The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Captain A.G. McCrum, RN, and Mrs McCrum, of Chagford, Devon, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman H. Lush, of Ballymaice, Co Dublin.

Mr I.H. Russon
and Miss N.J. Isherwood
The engagement is announced between Ian, only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Russon, of Farnborough, Kent, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Isherwood, of Wellington, New Zealand.

Receptions

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was host at a reception at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening to celebrate British Food and Farming Year.

Council for Education in World Citizenship
Mr Bowen Wells, MP, and Mr Peter Archer, QC, MP, Vice-Presidents of the Council for Education in World Citizenship, were hosts at a meeting and reception held last night at the House of Commons to mark the council's fiftieth anniversary.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAIN: F G Craig – RNAY Fleetlands 26.8.90; A M Marrice – MOD London 8.6.90.
COMMANDER: D Cartlidge – Staff of FOSNI 8.6.90; R C Harvey – RNAS Yeovilton 6.4.90; R J Riches – MOD Bath 1.6.90; R B Turner – Repulse 4.1.90; B C Welch-Cumberland 28.8.90; P L Wilcocks – Gloucester in Cmd 16.4.90.
CHAPLAIN: M Brotherton – Nelson 8.1.90
Retirements
VICE ADMIRAL: Sir Hugh Thompson, KBE – 5.2.90.
CAPTAIN: D Hart-Dyke – 7.1.90.
COMMANDER: R J Emerson – 10.1.90; D Farr – 14.1.90.
ROYAL MARINES
LIEUTENANT COLONELS: J P Clough – Defence Attache Manilla, 29.2.90.
MAJORS: J E Haycock – HQ Cdo Forces, 29.5.90; C J Todd – Centurion, 31.6.90; M G Wimpenny – 3 Cdo Bde HQ Sig Sqn RM, 12.6.90; J Lott – HQ TRSP RM, 7.6.90.

The Army
BRIGADIERS: E F G Burton – To be Comd BAS & MA WASHINGTON 1.12.89; C R S Nicholl – To be DG Ops(A) MOD, 6.12.89; B R Cooper – To be D Prod E DGEME, 4.12.89; T A Dixon – To be Comd HQ 48 Gurkha Inf Bde, 5.12.89.
COLONELS: M G Douglas-Withers – To RSA & Larkhill Gar, 27.11.89; C J Marchant-Smith – To UK Mil Rep Staff Brussels, 27.11.89; R D K Thompson – To RHQ R SIGNALS, 27.11.89; M A Evans – To 3 Armd Div Sig Regt, 29.11.89; C K Price – To HQ BAOR, 27.11.89.
LIEUTENANT COLONELS: D M Black QLR – To BMATT ZIMBABWE, 30.11.89; A E Towse – To RHQ R SIGNALS – HQ Trg Bde R SIGNALS, 27.11.89; J D Fielden RCT – To HQ BAOR, 27.11.89; M W Foster RE – To HQ 1(I) Wessex Force HQ, 27.11.89; T H E Foulkes RE – To be CO 28 Amph Engr Regt, 27.11.89; I A Johnstone RS – To be CO 1 RS, 26.10.89; D Kirkwood RAPC – To HQ UKLF, 27.11.89; A G Morrison RCT – To SHAPE, 27.11.89; R P Siddmore RCT – To MOD, 27.11.89; A R A Veitch R ANGLIAN – To MOD, 27.11.89; B M Semple RE – To HQ BAOR, 27.11.89; J J Hollingsworth RACD – To RACHD Centre BAGSHOT, 8.12.89.
Retirements
LIEUTENANT GENERAL: Sir Jeremy Reilly KCB DSO Late RRF, 25.11.89.
COLONEL: D W Cooper Late RCT, 2.12.89.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: J D L Freeley – To HQ AAFCE, 1.12.89; A Dodd – To RAF Lisbon as Stn Cdr, 1.12.89; D Forbes – To MOD(AFD) 24.11.89; R J Fishwick – To HQSTC 24.11.89; J E Pocock – To MOD(AFD) 24.11.89.
WING COMMANDER: D Sharples – To HQAFNORTH 27.11.89; M E Thornton – To HQRAFG 27.11.89; M S Taylor – To 6 FTS Finningley 27.11.89; P S Owen – To RAF Coningsby 1.12.89; P R Watson – To RAF Cranwell 27.11.89; D F Wilson – To HQ AFCENT 27.11.89.

Birthdays today

Dr G.S.G. Beveridge, vice-chancellor, The Queen's University, Belfast, 56; Lady Bottomley, 83; Vice-Admiral Sir David Brown, 62; Professor G.C. Cameron, master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 52; Mr Geoffrey Clarke, artist and sculptor, 65; Lord Justice Croom-Johnson, 75; Mr F.C.H. du Preez, rugby player, 54; Mr Terence Frisby, playwright, actor and producer, 57; the Right Rev M.G. Hare Duke, Bishop of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, 64; Miss Enid Lakeman, editorial consultant, Electoral Reform Society, 86; Lord Macdonald, 42; Mr Keith Miller, cricketer, 70; Signor Alberto Moravia, author, 82; General Sir David Mostyn, 61; Miss Dervla Murphy, author, 58; the Right Rev Patrick Rodger, former Bishop of Oxford, 69; Mr H.S. Tate, chairman, London FOX, 58.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Justice Murray to be a Privy Counsellor on his appointment as a Lord Justice of Appeal in Northern Ireland.

Mr Nicholas Monck, a Deputy Secretary in the Treasury, to be Second Permanent Secretary, Public Expenditure, HM Treasury, in succession to Mr John Anson who retires in April 1990.

Mr Peter Owen, a Deputy Secretary in the Department of the Environment, to be Deputy Secretary in the Cabinet Office from April 1990, in succession to Mr Richard Wilson.

Mr Mike Malone-Lee to be deputy secretary (Grade 2) at the Department of Health from January 2 in succession to Mr Graham Hart.

Dr P J Bunyan to be director general of the Agricultural Development Advisory Service from January 2 in succession to Professor R L Bell.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jean-Baptiste Lully, composer, Florence, 1632; William Blake, London, 1757; John Lloyd Stephens, archaeologist, Shrewsbury, New Jersey, 1805; Friedrich Engels, co-author of the *Communist Manifesto*, Barmen, Germany, 1820.

DEATHS: Gian Bernini, sculptor, Rome, 1680; Matsuo Basho, poet, Osaka, Japan, 1694; Washington Irving, writer, Tarrytown, New York, 1859; Enrico Fermi, physicist, Nobel laureate 1938, Chicago, 1954; Richard Wright, novelist, Paris, 1960; Havergal Brian, composer, Shoreham, Sussex, 1972. Sinn Fein was founded in Dublin, 1905.

Knighthood

The Queen has approved that a knighthood be conferred on **John Joseph Sheil** on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland.

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers is pleased to announce that the following have been admitted to the class of Fellow and are permitted to use the designation FIMechE:
Dr D R Airey, Southampton; Dr E K Beaty, Newtonabbey; Mr M J Callis, Loughborough; Captain F D Craig, MOD; Dr P J R Gresson, Lincoln; Air Commodore M C Darby, High Wycombe; Mr P J S Hall, Banchory; Mr T Hall, Vancouver, Canada; Mr A J Harris, Parkburst, South Africa; Mr K L Hawthorne, Chicago, United States of America; Mr C M Haynes, Assen, The Netherlands; Mr K W Hunt, Melksham; Mr D E B Hunter, Hong Kong; Mr M J Bremonger, Farringdon; Mr E H Levi, Mombasa, Kenya; Mr A G Loustaeau, Portland; Mr A C Martin, Canterbury; Mr R A Matthews, Ascot; Mr A McLachlan, Maidstone; Mr R J Melling, Knutsford; Mr K O Moss, Chelmsford; Mr J Ortovich, Sydney, Australia; Mr A J Pettifer, Swansea; Mr M S Portlock, Cheshire; Mr P W Ramsay, Farnham, Surrey; Mr J B Richardson, Assen, The Netherlands; Mr J W Robb, Egwanton; Mr A D Roche, Odell; Mr A C E Sandberg, London; Dr H N Shirman, Whitefield; Mr R P Smith, Fifty Mo, Co Durham; Mr K W Sumpter, Salisbury Heights, Australia; Dr S S Thabit, Baghdad, Iraq; Mr J R Thompson, Warrington; Mr M L Vout, Old Portsmith; Mr R F West, Wilmslow; Mr J Wheatley, Ilkeston; Mr M R L Williams, Wolverhampton.

Thanksgiving services

The Earl of Lindsay
A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of The Earl of Lindsay will be held at St Michael's, Chester Square, London SW1 on Tuesday, December 12, at 12 o'clock.

Mrs Hermoine King
A Service of Thanksgiving will be held for the life of Mrs Hermoine King at St Margaret's Church, Westminster, on Thursday, November 30, at noon.

Major L. Rook
A Thanksgiving Service for Major Laurence Rook, MC, will be held in The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks at noon today.

Memorial service

Professor Alastair Dudgeon
The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Bramall attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Professor Alastair Dudgeon held yesterday at St Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe, EC4. The Rev John Paul officiated, assisted by the Rev Lloyd Williams. Mr Peter Dudgeon and Dr Timothy Dudgeon, sons, read the lessons. Mr Kyrle Simond gave an address.

Dinners

Bakers' Company
The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs attended the Bakers' Company election dinner held last night at the Mansion House. The outgoing Master, Mr John E. Kirby, presided, assisted by the Wardens, Mr Stanley Wise, Mr Lionel Springett and Mr Derek Springett. The Bishop of Peterborough was the principal guest and speaker and the Lord Mayor and Mr Francis Bergin.

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster gave a dinner at City Hall last night in honour of the Dean of Westminster and Mrs Michael Mayne. Among the guests were: Lady Butler of Saffron Walden, Lady Norton, Sir Hugh and Lady Cubitt, Mr Marmaduke and Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Anthony and Councillor Jenny Bianco, Councillor Alan Bradley, Mr and Mrs Simon Dyer, Mr and Mrs Michael Edgar, Mr Douglas French, MP, and Mrs French, Mr and Mrs Ewen Macpherson, Mr Kenneth Simonds, Mr and Mrs David Summerscale and Mr and Mrs John Yexley.

Cardiff Business Club
The Lord Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Mrs Susan E. Williams, The Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Julius Hermer and Sir Cennydd Traherne, President of Cardiff Business Club, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff, last night. The Guest Speaker was Sir Robert Reid, Chairman, British Railways Board. Mr Alan Rosser, Chief Executive, IMC Consulting Group Ltd, presided.

OBITUARIES

ARMAND SALACROU

Theatre rebel who became respectable

Armand Salacrou, one of France's most important modern dramatists and a member of the Académie Goncourt, died in his home at Le Havre overlooking the sea on November 23. He was 90.

He will be particularly remembered for his work in the theatre as author of more than thirty plays, beginning in the 1920s with a number of poetic, even surrealistic, one-acters and ending in the 1960s with two plays based on commercial and industrial subjects: *Boulevard Durand*, the chronicle of a dock strike in his native Le Havre, and *La Rue noire*, the account of an international feud in the cosmetics trade.

His success as a playwright need not deflect attention from other facets of his varied career and from his many other contributions to the artistic, cultural and even commercial worlds.

Armand Salacrou was born in Rouen on August 9, 1899, and he was brought up in the family's herbalist shop in Le Havre. His father, whose inventions included a perfumed anti-flea powder, wanted him to become a doctor but Salacrou, who was more interested in art and philosophy, preferred to spend his time in Paris with poets like Robert Desnos and playwrights like Roger Vitrac.

During six eventful years as a student, Salacrou obtained two degrees in philosophy and one in law, he worked as a journalist for the then Socialist newspaper *L'Humanité*, he married his wife Lucienne, and he laid the foundations of the amazing collection of modern paintings which decorated the walls of his Le Havre home. Among the originals by Dufy, Modigliani, Masson and other friends and contemporaries were three by Picasso, one of which, he felt, was unique: "Picasso gave it to me!". But Salacrou deserves credit for having *bought* a Dufy while still a teenager.

Salacrou's enthusiasm for novel and experimental art forms led him to work in the nascent French film industry. Then, after four years of filming in Europe and North Africa, he turned in 1929 to advertising. In fact, he had already indicated his taste for the theatre when he took a job as general secretary for the review edited by Charles Dullin, one of the most celebrated producers of the inter-war years, who, by producing and acting in several of Salacrou's plays, exerted a profound influence on the young dramatist's career.

To supplement his income, Salacrou began to write copy, and he set up his own agency. He had a flare for publicity. It was in the 1930s that he achieved his first real successes as a dramatist, the first with *Une Femme libre* (1934) and, on the eve of World War II, a triumph with *La Terre est ronde* (1938). There was also *Histoire de rire* with Micheline Presle and Fernand Gravey, which eventually reached London in 1957 at the Arts Theatre as *No Laughing Matter* with the young Alec McCowen in the cast.

Salacrou was conscripted in February 1940; he was captured by the Germans in June, escaped the same day and made his way to the south. As the war ended, he was working with the Résistance and the Free French Army.

After the war the Barrault-Renaud company was among his supporters and during the visit to London of 1951 Salacrou's *Les Nuits de la colère* shared a double bill at the St James's with Gide's *Oedipe*. Ten years later Barrault's plans to put on another Salacrou play, *Boulevard Durand*, at the Théâtre de France were postponed at the direct intervention of Malraux (then Minister of Culture) who wanted "something more classical".

Salacrou published two volumes of autobiography in the mid 1970s. He was for many years President of the Société des auteurs et compositeurs dramatiques; from 1948 he was chairman of the International Theatre Institute; and in 1949 he was elected to the Académie Goncourt.

The rebel had become very respectable. As Copeau once remarked, "Many of those who start life on the barricades finish up in the government".

RATU SIR GEORGE CAKOBAU

Well-loved chieftain of the Fijian people

Ratu Sir George Cakobau, GCMG, GCVO, OBE, who died on November 25 at the age of 77, was for many years the most important man in Fiji. This was so, long before he became the country's Governor-General in 1973, and it continued to be so after he retired from that office in 1983, aged 72.



His standing with native Fijians stemmed from the fact that he was the *de facto* King of Fiji (*Tui Viti*), heir of the great and much feared King Cakobau, who, in 1874 ceded the kingship in perpetuity to Queen Victoria in return for British military assistance against rival war lords. The only person held in greater reverence by Fijians is the British monarch who, as a result of the 1874 deal of cession is *de jure* king of the islands. The Queen, on visits to Fiji, is referred to as king, and was the only person to whom Ratu George (as he was commonly known) was required to make obeisance.

He was deeply attached to everything British, and it was widely believed that he was opposed to independence from Britain. But the large Indian population of the islands, now outnumbering native Fijians, won the day.

The Cakobau family had been Methodists for three generations, but they are still the cornerstone of the ancient Fijian tribal religion, whose mysteries have never been penetrated by Europeans.

In both roles, as a churchman and as a high chief, he was meticulous in his observances. On Sunday he might be seen in his accustomed pew, singing Methodist hymns at the top of his powerful voice. Next day he could be found, naked but for a skirt of dried grasses, going through the impenetrable rituals associated with the installation of some petty chief in a remote village. He was much loved by the British Royal Family who, it was said, were always intrigued to be received at Suva airport by the magnificently uniformed Governor General who later reappeared, grass-skirted, to receive them as high chief, with the gift of a whale's tooth.

Born on November 6, 1912, George Kadavulevu Cakobau (formally known among Fijians as *Vunivalu* or War Lord) was the first Fijian nobleman to be sent abroad for his education, studying in Australia and New Zealand.

In colonial days he served in various ministerial roles under the British Governors, and during the war he served with distinction as an officer in the Fiji Military Forces fighting the Japanese in the Pacific islands.

His relations with the Indian community in Fiji were always equivocal. They were careful to treat him with respect, making sure, for example, that their heads never came level with his. They did not, however, crouch in his presence as did Fijians, and they were never subject to the Fijian tribal law — a dispensation of which Ratu George was thought to disapprove. Nevertheless, the fact that a good working arrangement between the two vastly different races was maintained after Independence, with so few lapses, was in some measure due to Ratu George's unquestioned authority over his own people.

By the time Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka staged his coup in 1987 Ratu George had long since retired to his island stronghold on Bau, but many believed that edicts emanating from there helped to ensure that the declaration of a Republic was achieved virtually without bloodshed. Indian and European residents had feared that Fijian warriors, who had not, in Ratu George's words, had "a decent scrap" since the war, would cut a swathe through the other communities.

Foreigners who came to know Ratu George were always astonished at his attitude to the fact that cannibalism had been rife in Fiji until quite recent times. His jokes on the subject were legion. For example, he would remark to Scottish army officers on the similarity between the kilt and the Fijian military *sulu*, adding that he, of course, had Scottish blood himself, his great grandfather having eaten a number of Scottish missionaries. On a London visit in 1970 he caused consternation in a steak house in Victoria by asking the Cypriot waiter if he had anything that would suit a cannibal.

In addition to his other honours, in 1982 the Queen invested him with the Royal Victorian Chain. He is survived by his wife, Adi (Princess) Lealea.

PROFESSOR A. A. PARKER

Professor Alexander Augustine ("Alec") Parker, holder of the Cervantes Chair of Spanish at King's College, London, from 1953 to 1963 and an outstanding authority on the Golden Age of Spanish literature, died on November 23, aged 81.

His arrival in 1953 at King's created a stir and his teaching had an electrifying effect on the students. He was an ideal head of department who gave his juniors a free hand, but kept benevolent control.

His own teaching ranged from courses on Spanish civilisation to classes on grammar, though his natural inclination was towards the Golden Age, especially the drama. His contributions to the subject, indeed, helped lay the basis for the recent revival of interest in Calderón's theatre. This breadth of interest was equally reflected in his publications which ranged from the medieval to the eighteenth century and the moderns.

In all of this he was helped both by his early interest in Dominican studies and in philosophy, theology and psychology. One of his most enlightening essays is a study in Adlerian terms of Quevedo's *Buscón*.

But London was never congenial to him and he accepted an invitation from Edinburgh University to head its Department of Hispanic Studies in 1963. In 1970 he took up a professorship at Austin, Texas, remaining there until his retirement in 1978.

These years in the United States were, in many ways, his happiest, seeing a flowering of his powers as he responded to the new challenges and the much greater interest in Hispanic studies there. The American character attracted him, too, drawing him out of his own natural reserve.

Born in Montevideo in 1908, he was educated at Blackfriars School, Laxton, and at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he read Modern and Medieval Languages.

He was elected a College Fellow in 1933, and six years later went to become Head of the Department of Spanish in Aberdeen University. During the Second World War he served in Intelligence and worked in Bletchley.

Parker's last years were darkened by the onset of blindness but, with the collaboration of friends, he succeeded in publishing his magnificent *Philosophy of Love in Spanish Literature* (1985) and *The Mind and Art of Calderón* (1988).

Alec Parker was a complex man. He had a gift for friendship but, deeply shy and at heart solitary, he did not find it easy to make social conversation. However in his public speaking he was always serene and confident.

A critic whose work was marked by sensitivity and subtlety, he was also a man of firm religious and intellectual convictions. These could arouse antagonism and controversy but Parker was always able to defend himself.

Honoured by American universities, he also had doctorates bestowed on him by Cambridge, Durham, Liverpool and St Andrew's. He as also elected to membership of the Royal Spanish Academy and the Seville Royal Academy of Letters.

He is leaves his widow, Frances, two daughters and two sons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.
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BIRTHS

ASQUITH - On November 26th 1989, to Nicola (née Fellows) and Jeremy, a son, David William Edmund.

BATT - On November 21st 1989, to Kate (née Hickey) and Charles, a son, George Dorrington, a brother for Rosemary.

BELL - On November 26th, to Marthe Sara (née Ainsley) and Mark William, Alexander Connor.

FOSTER - On November 23rd, to Sarah (née da Cunha) and Jonathan, a son, Charles.

HODGSON - On November 24th, to Jan and Peter, a son, Jack Richardson, a brother to Ryan.

HOLDICH-DAVIES - On November 14th, to Angela and Michael, a daughter, Eleanor Mary Evelyn.

LARANJO - On November 24th 1989, to Camilla (née Azis) and José, a son, Jack James, a brother for Anthony and Thomas.

LE GRICE - On November 24th, to Anne and Valentine, a daughter, Alexandra.

MOLSON - On November 26th, to Verena (née Cayzer) and Ian, a daughter, Camilla Rose, a sister for Edward.

OLIVER - On November 24th 1989 to Sarah (née Bucknill) and James, a son, Timothy James.

ROWBOTHAM - On November 22nd, to Anne (née Budde-Lund) and Rupert, a son, Felix Holger.

RUSHEN - On November 22nd 1989, to Jane (née Ashton) and Keith, a boy, Edward Richard, a brother for Thomas.

SATUR - On November 26th, to Angela and Neil, a son, Alexander, a brother for Jessica and Dominic.

SHAW - On November 23rd 1989, at the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital, to Elisabeth (née Allon) and Christopher, a son, Alexander William.

van ZWANENBERG - On November 23rd 1989, to Virginia (née Stephens) and Guy, a son, Rory Hugh, a brother for Olivia.

DEATHS

ALLDAY - On Saturday November 25th, peacefully, Evelyn, of Loweswater, Cockermouth, late of Fotheringhay, sister of the late Cyril and sister-in-law of Jean. Funeral Service and interment at Loweswater Church on Wednesday November 29th at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only.

BANHAM - On November 26th, peacefully, after a long illness courageously borne, Barbara, late of the Foreign Office. Beloved daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. H.F.J. Banham of Royston, Herts. Cremation private. Funeral Service at St Matthias Church, Church Road, Richmond, on Friday December 1st at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Friends of the Elderly, St Julian's Nursing Wing, 106 Ridgway, SW19.

BERMAN - On November 24th, Reeve, widow of Victor and mother of Anthony and Laurence. Deeply mourned by family and friends. Donations to Amnesty International.

CHAPMAN - On November 23rd 1989, suddenly, Christian Mary, aged 78 years. Funeral Service at Toys Hill Village Hall, on Friday December 1st at 2 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Queen Elizabeth Foundation for the Disabled, c/o S. Smith and Son Funeral Directors, 127 Lingfield Road, Edenbridge, Kent, tel: (0732) 862117.

DANBY - On Thursday November 23rd, on the Greek island of Spetsai, suddenly and peacefully, Dudley, dearly beloved brother of Mary Bloch and uncle of David and Danby Bloch. Private funeral in Athens. A memorial service will be held in London in the new year. Enquiries to 01-229 8514.

DARTNALL - On November 25th, Kathleen Olive (née Chapman), a loving and much loved wife, mother, grandmother and aunt, mindful always of the needs of others. Private cremation on Friday December 1st. Family flowers only. Thanksgiving Service for all who loved her on Saturday December 2nd at 12 noon at All Saints Church, Bisham. Donations if wished to British Heart Foundation or Cancer Research Campaign.

DERWENT - On November 26th 1989, suddenly at The Park Nursing Home, Glasgow, Lavinia (Elizabeth Dodd) Derwent, M.B.E. Funeral private. No letters or flowers by her request, and by her express wish no Memorial Service will be held.

EDMONSTONE - On November 27th, The Dowager Lady (Gwendolyn Mary), peacefully at home, aged 87. Funeral Service at Strathblane Parish Church on Thursday November 30th at 3 pm.

EVERETT - On November 24th, suddenly at home at Norwich, George Emmanuel William, dearly beloved husband of Betty, dear stepfather of Alec, David, Peter and Philip. Funeral Service at 11 am on Saturday December 2nd at Christchurch, Eaton, Norwich, followed by private interment. Family flowers only, donations in lieu if desired to The Norfolk Health Trust, c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich.

FORSTER - On November 24th 1989, peacefully at home, Norah Lindsay, aged 85. Service at St Martin's Church, Hale Gardens, Acton W3, at 1 pm on Monday December 4th, followed by cremation. Flowers or donations for St Martin's Church to W.S. Bond Ltd., 19 Bond Street, Ealing W5. Telephone: 01-567 0422.

GARRETT - On Sunday November 26th 1989, Edward William, aged 87 years, after a very long illness, now at peace. Formerly of Lloyds Bank P.L.C. Funeral Service at St Augustin's Church, Cemetery Junction, Bournemouth, on Friday December 1st at 12.30 pm. Private cremation follows. No flowers. Donations for the British Sports Association for the Disabled, c/o Head and Wheble, 1A Oxford Road, Bournemouth 21190.

GRIFFITHS - On November 25th 1989, Elizabeth Merriman of Auckland. Much loved grandmother of Davina, Carol and Tessa.

HARGROVE - On November 18th 1989, in Paris, Rose Eugenie (Rosette), aged 95. Dearly beloved mother of Charles and Nicole Rosemary, after a very full and active life, and more than 50 years of journalism. A Requiem Mass was said on Friday November 24th at Ste. Clotilde in Paris and the burial took place at Surrain, Calvados, on the following day. May all who new and loved her spare a thought or a prayer for the repose of her soul.

HENRY - On November 24th 1989, peacefully at his home in Ockbrook, Derbyshire, Terence, much loved and loving husband of Margaret.

JAMES - On November 23rd, Saffron, peacefully in Guernsey. Daughter of General R.E.T. Hogg C.M.G., C.I.E., Croix de Guerre.

MANNING - On November 25th 1989, Joyce Alison (Jo), widow of Charles and stepmother of Ian. Funeral and cremation private. Donations in remembrance would be welcomed by Injured Jockey's Fund.

McCURDY - On November 27th, Alison Irene, of Chelwood, The Mead, Ashtead, Surrey, much loved sister, aunt, great-aunt and friend. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday December 4th at 2 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher.

MERCHANT - On November 27th 1989, peacefully at home, Mark Rumney, first born son of Chris and Amanda, born November 13th 1989. With grateful thanks to all at Farnborough Hospital. Funeral at Christ's Chapel, The Old College, Dulwich Village, London SE21, on Thursday November 30th at 3.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to Special Care Baby Fund, c/o Dr. Kathy Pearl, Farnborough Hospital, Farnborough Common, Orpington, Kent.

MILNE - On November 26th, A.K. (Tony), at home, after a long illness borne patiently with courage and wit. Husband of Barbara and father of Sue and Mike; grandfather of Michael and Tessa. Cremation private.

MOHR - On November 26th, Rudolph Jacob, peacefully. Beloved husband of Charlotte (Lotte), father of Diana (da Costa) and Nicholas, father-in-law of Anthony and Sara and grandfather of Marcus and Edward. Cremation has taken place. Donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research or Jewish Blind Society.

NASH - On November 26th, suddenly at home in Weybridge, G (Girlie/ Susan/ Gladys) dearly loved mother of Richard, and sister to Eric and Kathleen. Funeral Service at Woking Crematorium at 2.30 pm, Friday December 1st. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to Asthma Research Council, 300 Upper Street, London N1 2XX.

NEVE - On November 24th, Susan, of Biddenden, Kent. Dearly beloved wife of David and mother of Carole and Andrew. Service of Thanksgiving to be held at St George's Church, Benenden, Kent, on Monday December 4th at 2 pm.

OTTLEY - On November 26th 1989, peacefully at Pembroke Lodge, Hove. Lucy Janet, aged 87 years, formerly Matron of Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge. Service on Friday December 1st at St Andrew's Church, Church Road, Hove, at 3 pm, followed by cremation at the Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton. Donations if desired to the Red Cross, c/o Hanningtons F/D Ltd., 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove, Sussex.

OULTON - On November 25th, Margaret Geraldine, very loved wife of Derek, mother of Mary, Caroline, Isabella and Harry, and grandmother of Anastasia and Millicent. Cremation private. Funeral at St John's Wood Church on Saturday December 2nd at 2.45 pm.

PAGE - On November 23rd, Miss Margaret Evelyn, aged 81, in Cornwall after a long illness. Missionary in India 1934-1977. Dear sister, cousin and aunt.

READ - On Sunday November 26th 1989, suddenly at his home in Barnstaple, James Henry, aged 81, beloved husband of Gladys and father of Ann and Derek, much loved grandfather of Mark, Simon, Charlotte and Marcel.

REGLAR - On Sunday November 26th 1989, Roy Francis John, of Mulberry Court, Barnsley, Cirencester, peacefully at home. Funeral at Cheltenham Crematorium on Friday December 1st at 11.30 am. Family flowers only.

RICKETT - On November 24th 1989, suddenly after a short illness, Kathleen, aged 78 years, of Beckenham, Kent. Dearly loved wife of Owen and mother of Audrey and Derek. Funeral Service at Beckenham Crematorium on Wednesday November 29th at 12 noon. All flowers and enquiries to J & R Killick Ltd., 112 High Street, West Wickham, Kent.

SAVAGE - On November 25th 1989, Wendy Le Quesne, at home surrounded by her family. Funeral 11.45 am Friday December 1st at St Eadburgha's Church, Ebrington, Gloucestershire, followed by private cremation. Donations instead of flowers to The Guy's Hospital Cerebral Palsy Appeal Fund, SE1 9RT.

SHEARD - On November 24th 1989 peacefully in The London Clinic, with his family - Jack. Greatly loved and greatly loving. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service, Wednesday December 6th at 2 pm in St John's Church, Danbury, Essex. No flowers please, donations to Cancer Research.

STOKES-ROBERTS - On November 25th 1989, peacefully, Lt. Col. Laurence Stokes-Roberts, beloved father of Amanda. Private cremation, family only, no flowers. Donations if desired to The Painters Charity, No. 200001, Worshipful Company of Painter Stainers, Painters' Hall, 9 Little Trinity Lane, London EC4V 2AD. Memorial Service to be announced.

STRATTON - On November 25th 1989, Lieutenant General Sir William Stratton K.C.B., D.S.O. Much loved husband of Lady Noreen Stratton. A family funeral service will be held on November 30th. Please, no flowers but donations if desired may be sent to The Army Benevolent Fund, 41 Queensgate, London SW7 5HR.

SYME - On November 25th, at Corsham, Lt. Colonel Ralph Noel Syme (late R.A.). No flowers, no letters and no mourning at his request. Donations if desired to The Royal British Legion, 11 The Tynings, Biddestone, Wilts. Funeral at Biddestone, Thursday November 30th at 2.30 pm.

TAYLOR - On November 21st, at Peareth Grove, Roker, Sunderland, Emily, much loved wife of the late Donald and mother of Denis. All who knew her will remember her with deep affection.

THOMAS - On November 26th 1989, Joan Beatrice Ethel, at Weybridge Hospital after a long illness courageously borne. Greatly missed by all her loving family. Funeral Service at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Horsell, on Thursday November 30th at 12.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to Woking Funeral Service, 119 Goldsworth Road, Woking, or donations to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, Anchor House, 15/19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ. 'In our thoughts always'.

VERNON - On November 24th, at home, Tony. Husband to Wendy, brother to Pam and father of Jane, Anthony and Tom. No flowers, but donations please to The Leonard Cheshire Foundation, c/o Tomlins Funeral Directors, Henley-on-Thames. Funeral at 3 pm on Thursday November 30th at St Nicholas Church, Rotherfield Greys, Henley-on-Thames.

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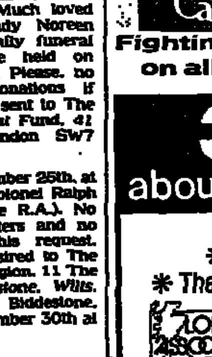
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CHERRYBROOK BUILDING LIMITED
Registered number: 1489813 Nature of business: Building Contract Managers. Trade classification: 23 Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 16th November 1989. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc
P Monack, FCA & S D Swaden, FCA Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos. 2344 and 2719) of 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF.

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A proxy form is sent herewith. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the *meeting. Other creditors are only* entitled to vote if:
a. they have delivered to me at the address shown below, no later than 12.00 noon on the business day before the date fixed for the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986: and
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Date 21st of November 1989
D E M Mond FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

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Dated 21st of November 1989
P.W.G. DuBuisson
Liquidator

D J BERRYMAN LIMITED
Registered number: 688511. Nature of business: Joiners and Carpenters. Trade: 23. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 16th November 1989. Name of person appointing administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank plc R Hocking & P R Copp Joint Administrative Receivers (Office holder nos: 2322 & 1067) Address 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
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Melvyn L. Rose, F.C.A., F.C.C.A.
LIQUIDATOR

A A Dollimore & Sons Limited
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Dated this 21st of November 1989
JR Hill, Liquidator

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I, John William Paul, FIPA, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Messrs. JW Paul & Co., One Maddox Street, London W1R 9WA have been appointed Liquidator of the above-named company. All debts and claims should be sent to me.
Dated 21st of November 1989
J W Paul, FIPA
Liquidator

NOV 28 ON THIS DAY 1939

It was realized later that it was not the Deutschland which Captain E C Kennedy R N and his men had encountered but the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau. The P & O liner Rawalpindi (16,697 tons) was serving as an armed merchant cruiser. Captain Kennedy, though over 60, had again volunteered for service in 1939. The Rawalpindi's 6in guns were no match for the 11in guns of the enemy ships. Captain Kennedy (the father of Mr Ludovic Kennedy, who himself served in the Navy in the war), went down with his ship and many of his crew.

Rawalpindi sunk by Deutschland

The sinking of the former P & O liner Rawalpindi with most of her crew is now officially announced to have been the end of "a most gallant fight against overwhelming odds".

While on contraband control duty off the coast of Iceland the Rawalpindi was attacked by the German battleship Deutschland and another enemy warship. She defended herself in the unequal combat until she was in flames and all her guns were out of action, and finally overturned and sank.

UNEQUAL COMBAT

The following is the text of the Admiralty account of the fight between the Rawalpindi and the German warships:

The armed merchant cruiser Rawalpindi, manned by merchant seamen, reservists and pensioners of the Royal Navy, and by men of the Royal Naval Reserve and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, was forming a part of the Northern Patrol, by which the contraband control of German trade is enforced.

At 3.30 pm on the afternoon of Thursday, November 23, when cruising to the south-east of Iceland, she sighted an enemy ship. Captain Kennedy, having examined this vessel through his glasses, said "It's the Deutschland all right," and the crew were immediately ordered to action stations. Course was altered to bring the enemy on the starboard quarter. Smokefloats were lit and cast into the water to enable the Rawalpindi to escape. However, a second enemy ship was soon seen to starboard.

The Deutschland, approaching, signalled to the Rawalpindi to stop, and when she continued her course fired a shot across her bows. As this warning was rejected, the first salvo was fired by the 11in guns of the Deutschland a little while after 3.45 pm at a range of 10,000 yards. The Rawalpindi replied will all her four starboard 6in guns.

The third salvo from the Deutschland put out all the light and broke the electric winches of the ammunition supply. The fourth salvo shot away the whole of the bridge and wireless room.

SHIP IN FLAMES

Both the German ships were now closing rapidly, and by this time the second had gone round the Rawalpindi's stern and was firing from the port side. The Rawalpindi maintained the fight until every gun was put out of action and the ship ablaze except the forecastle and the poop.

After about 30 to 40 minutes of this unequal combat, about 4.15 to 4.25 pm the enemy ceased firing, and three boats which were not shattered by shell-fire, one of which became waterlogged, were lowered. Two of these boats, containing over 30 men, were, it is believed, picked up by one of the German ships.

The 11 survivors, who have been brought in by the Chitral, swam to the water-logged lifeboat and would probably have been picked up but for the fact that at about 6.15 pm the approach of a British cruiser caused the enemy immediately to withdraw. The Rawalpindi continued to burn amidships until 8 o'clock, when she turned turtle to starboard and foundered with all remaining hands.

This account is given from the narratives of the 11 survivors picked up from the water-logged boat by the Chitral, and is, of course, subject to correction in detail. It is, however, sufficient to show that the Rawalpindi made a most gallant fight against overwhelming odds, and went down with her colours flying.

Archaeology

Village clue to early Egyptian history

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

An early Egyptian village, dating to just before the time of the first Pharaohs, has been discovered in the Nile valley. Because this Predynastic period is known almost exclusively from the excavation of cemeteries, the find should answer some pressing questions about the nature of society at the time.

Egypt's recorded history begins around 3100 BC with the establishment of the First Dynasty under Narmer, but the complex society indicated by the art and monuments between then and the beginning of the Old Kingdom about 2700 BC clearly had earlier roots.

The beginnings of settled life in the Nile basin were already known from the work of Gertrude Caton-Thompson in the Fayum oasis before World War II, and even earlier stages have been found in recent years. The last centuries before the appearance of Pharaonic civilisation have remained obscure in terms of social evidence, however, in spite of recent work in Upper Egypt at Hierakonpolis and other sites.

The recent discovery, in the archaeologically rich zone of the middle Nile between Qena and Girga, results from following clues left by the late Sir Flinders Petrie, who explored many early cemeteries in the area in 1898-99. Petrie noted, but did not excavate, a number of settlement sites along the edge of the valley.

Dr Kathryn Bard of Boston University, who has worked on grave goods from Petrie's Naqada sites in the region, surmised that some of these might have survived the past eighty years of development and located them on satellite photographs.

Using the close dating of Petrie's burial finds as a guide, and arguing that the villages of their occupants must have been close by, Dr Bard relocated the important Cemetery H, dating the the Naqada III phase immediately prior to the First Dynasty.

On a spur of land north and east of the cemetery she found the Predynastic village, which Petrie had missed. It covered an area some 80 by 60 metres, with only stone tools, pottery fragments, and a few limestone blocks marking its existence on the surface. Almost alone among the early sites of the region, it had not been seriously damaged by modern development, but the entire area is threatened by a massive irrigation scheme which will bring water up on to the hitherto dry land of the terrace.

Dubbed "SH" from the modern village of Semaineh close by, the site yielded both the typical black-topped red jars and the rough pottery of the Predynastic period, and also some *Meydum* ware suggesting an Old Kingdom occupation as well.

Test excavations showed that the cultural deposits were quite thin: radiocarbon samples from the tests are currently being processed at Oxford University's accelerator unit, and may help to resolve a dispute among Egyptologists about the precise date for the beginning of Dynastic times and the start of ancient Egypt's 3000-year historical chronology.

Recent dates from Giza and Saqqara, near Cairo, suggest that the Old Kingdom began several centuries earlier than the conventional chronology posits. Dr Bard hopes that her excavations next summer will yield further dating evidence, and also bring to light clues about the organization of Predynastic Egyptian economy and society.

Source: *Journal of Field Archaeology* 16:475-478.

Latest wills

The Rt Rev Charles Alexander Grant, of Twyford, Berkshire, Roman Catholic Bishop of Northampton 1967-82, and first chairman of CAFOD, left net estate valued between £70,000 and £100,000. He left the use of a property to a family for life and the residue of his estate to a charitable trust of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Northampton dated 30/4/49.

Mr Eric Walter Ball, of Parkstone, Dorset, who composed more 100 pieces of music for Salvation Army bands, left estate valued at £164,960 net. He left all fees and royalties from that music to the Salvation Army.

Mr Harford Montgomery Hyde, of Tenterden, Kent, author and barrister, left estate valued at £26,182 net. He left a silver mounted walking stick belonging to Henry James, the novelist, to the National Trust for Lamb House, Rye.

Vice-Admiral Sir Peter Dawnay, of Wield, Alresford, Hampshire, Flag Officer Royal Yachts 1958-62, left estate valued at £380,636 net.

Diana Elizabeth Hughes Stockley, of Charles, Barnstable, Devon, left estate valued at £1,199,242 net.

Mr Cyril Henry Fahr, of London SE21, left estate valued at £152,073 net. He left personal legacies totalling £11,300 and the residue to the Voluntary Research Trust of King's College Hospital and Medical School.

Church news

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The Rev Raymond Best, Team Vicar, Benwell team ministry, in charge of the Church of the Venerable Bede, Newcastle, diocese Newcastle: to be Vicar, Walker Christ Church, Newcastle, same diocese.
The Rev Reginald W M Bowder, Dean of Lismore, Co Waterford, Ireland: to be Chaplain, University of Kent, diocese Canterbury.
The Rev Stella Collins, Parish Deacon, Wilton w Netherhampton and Fugglestone, diocese Salisbury: to be *also* Rural Dean of Wylye and Wilton, same diocese.
The Rev John W Drew, Priest-in-charge, Ufford St Mary and Bredfield St Andrew, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Hasketon, same diocese.
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **ANYTHING GOES:** Elaine Paige getting a kick out of Cole Porter's hit musical: shipboard romance, intrigue and "You're the Top".
Prince Edward Theatre, Old Compton St, W1 (01-734 8951). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-9.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 2.30-4.45pm, £9-£22. (D)

☆ **THE BAKER'S WIFE:** New Stephen Schwartz musical about a love affair that disrupts a French village's bread supply; directed by Trevor Nunn.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat 2.30pm. £12.50-£22.50. (D)

☆ **COME FOR THE RIDE:** Entertaining canter along the career of Patricia Routledge: high spirits and fun.
Playhouse Theatre, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (01-839 4401). Tube: Embankment. Mon-Sat 8pm, £6-£16. Two weeks only; until Dec 9.

☆ **FUNNY PECULIAR:** Robin Kermode, Hilary Crowson, Jilly Johnson in revival of Mike Stott comedy about bringing adventure into marriage.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, EC4 (01-236 5568). Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri and Sat 9pm. Mats Fri and Sat 6.30pm, £6.50-£13.50.

★ **THE GOOD PERSON OF SICHUAN:** Fiona Shaw and Bill Paterson in Brecht's parable on how the good can only survive by seeming nasty.
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Opens tonight 7pm. Then in repertoire, £7-£15.50.

LADY BETTY: Declan Donnellan's stylish play with songs for Cheek by Jowl: based on a true story of the Roscommon murderess who became public hangwoman.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida St, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Previews tonight and tomorrow 8pm, opens Thurs, 7pm, then Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4pm, previews and mats and Dec 4 £6. Other parts £10.

☆ **A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT:** Transfer of hit show from the King's Head that catches the sound and feeling of a night out in 1964: clever songs by the Heather Brothers.
Arts Theatre, Gt Newport St, WC2 (01-836 2132). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri and Sat 6pm and 8.45pm, £7.50-£17.50. No perf Christmas Day.

OUT OF TOWN

GLASGOW: ☆ **The Sorcerer's Apprentice:** An orginal Christmas show choice, directed by Giles Havergal. Positively no mice in the cast.
Citizens' Theatre, Gorbals (041 429 5561), Mon-Fri 2pm and 7pm, Sat 2pm, 5pm and 7pm, £2-£5.

LEICESTER: ☆ **Cabaret:** Mary-Louise Clark and Fenton Gray in musical tale of old Berlin.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797), Mon, Tues and Thurs 7.30pm, Wed, Fri and Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4.30pm, £6-£12.

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE & HER LOVER (18): Peter Greenaway's bold, mordant tale of love, revenge and *haute cuisine*. With Richard Bohringer (the cook), Michael Gambon (the thief), Helen Mirren (the wife) and Alan Howard (her lover) (120 min).
Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.05, 8.40.
Gate (01-727 4043). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

■ **DEAD CALM (15):** Powerful Australian thriller, with Sam Neill and Nicole Kidman as the yachting couple trying to flee from a deranged killer on the open seas. Directed by Philip Noyce; with Billy Zane (97 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.30, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.15, 3.40, 6.05, 8.35.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.40, 4.05, 6.20, 8.40.

■ **DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG):** Fiery portrait of modern youth from director Peter Weir, with Robin Williams as an English teacher who instils his pupils with a dangerous love of poetry (128 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 6.25, 9.15.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 11.45, 2.35, 5.30, 8.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.55, 5.35, 8.20.
Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 2.20, 5.15, 8.05.

TWO MOON JUNCTION (18): Ponderous drama about sexual obsessions in Alabama, written and directed by Zalman King, with Sherilyn Fenn and Richard Tyson (104 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 1.00, 3.15, 5.30, 8.00.

Aural architecture



Never mind Courtney Pine, the trendiest profile in jazz at the moment undoubtedly belongs to John Zorn (left) the New York altoist who tonight embarks on a Contemporary Music Network tour. Fusing elements of rock, classical music and blues, Zorn has established his credentials with a string of off-beat albums which have enchanted his fans and infuriated his critics. Crammed with pastiche, in-jokes and old-fashioned kitsch, the records are, in a sense, the aural equivalent of post-modernist architecture. In *The Big Gundown*, Zorn found an ideal source of inspiration in the music of film composer Ennio Morricone. Drawing on the blues guitar of Albert Collins, *Spillane* was an attempt to evoke the seedy world of private eye Mike Hammer. In his most recent album, *Spy vs Spy*, Zorn paid tribute to Ornette Coleman, cutting some of the saxophonist's standard tunes down to a patchwork of fragments, some of them only a minute or so in length. For this tour he appears with his Naked City ensemble, which includes guitarist Bill Frisell and bassist Fred Frith. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800) tonight, 7.45pm, £5.50, £7.50. Further dates include University of Warwick Arts Centre, Coventry (0203 417417) tomorrow; Albert Hall, Nottingham (0602 419419) Thursday; Dunelm House, Durham (091 384 3720/3210) Friday; Chapter Arts, Cardiff (0222 399666) Saturday; Bluecoat Arts Centre, Liverpool (051 709 3818) Monday; The Leadmill, Sheffield (0742 754500) Tuesday.

Clive Davis.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **CELLIST'S CHOICE:** Besides movements from a Bach suite, Sophie Harris (cello) and Mark Ray (piano) play Brahms's Sonata Op 38 and Martinu's Rossini Variations.
St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Sq, London WC2 (01-839 1930), 1.05-2pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **JOHN LILL:** This well-known pianist offers Beethoven's Sonata Op 27 No 1, Schumann's *Kreisleriana* and Liszt's Sonata in B minor.
Law Society Common Room, 113 Chancery Lane, London WC2 (01-222 1222), 6.30 pm, £6.

☆ **MAGICAL LOVE:** Falla's *El Amor Brujo*, Moreno-Buendia's Suite Concertante and Bizet's youthful Symphony in C are all heard from the RCM Sinfonietta under John Forster.
Royal College of Music, Prince Consort Rd, London SW7 (01-589 3643), 7pm, free.

? **SOLTI SYMPHONIES:** Sir Georg Solti, conducts the LPO in Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6 "Pathétique" and Shostakovich's Symphony No 9.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SEI (01-928 8800), 7.30 pm-9.20 pm, £3, £7.

☆ **WHAT INDEED?:** Lumsdaine's *What Shall I Sing?*, Jondo Kondo's *Bonjin*, Reynolds's *The Serpent's Snapping Eye*, Helia-well's *Sound Carvings from Rano Raraku* are just a few of the compositions included in tonight's concert in which Odaline de la Martinez conducts the Lontano ensemble.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SWI (01-222 1061), 7.30 pm, £4.

CARTER QUARTET: Elliott Carter's Quartet No 2 is the centrepiece of the New World String Quartet's programme, flanked by Beethoven's Quartet Op 18 No 3 and Debussy's Quartet.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London WI (01-935 2141), 7.30 pm, £4-£7.

? **VEGH PROGRAMME:** The Chamber Orchestra of Europe is conducted by Sandor Végh in Mozart's *Cosi fan tutte* Overture, Piano Concerto K 467 (András Schiff, soloist), Serenade K 361 and Symphony No 39.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.45-10.15pm, £5-£15.

☆ **FROM VIENNA:** The Franz Schubert Quartet of Vienna presents Quartet No 1 by Karl Ditters von Dittersdorf, followed by Brahms's Quartet No 3 and Britten's Quartet No 3.
Turner Sims Concert Hall, Southampton University, Southampton (0703 671771), 8pm, £5.

OPERA

☆ **IL BARBIERE DI SIVIGLIA:** William Dudley's light filled sets from Glyndebourne's original production remain as back-drop to an irresistibly lively revival for Glyndebourne Touring Opera, with new young cast. Ivor Bolton conducts.
Theatre Royal, Norwich (0603 628205) 7-10pm, £8-23.

☆ **THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO:** John Cox's original production revived for Scottish opera on tour and now conducted by John Parr as it reaches Inverness.
Eden Court Theatre, Inverness (0463 221718) 7.15-10.45pm, £6-£12.50.

☆ **LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR:** Frances Ginzer takes the title role in Welsh National Opera's touring production of Donizetti's Sir Walter Scott opera.
Apollo Theatre, Oxford (0865 244544) 7.15-10.20pm, £8-£27.

ROCK

☆ **LINDISFARNE:** The *Fog on the Tyne* veterans embark on their annual Christmas Tour which, like everything else to do with the festive season, seems to start earlier and last longer every year.
Civic Hall, London Rd, Guildford (0483 444555) 7pm, £9-£10.

☆ **ENERGY ORCHARD:** Blue-collar Belfast rock band with serious intentions. Primary influence is stated to be Van Morrison, but they sound at times more like a celtic-roots version of U2.
Powerhaus, 1 Liverpool Rd, London N1 (01-837 3218) 7.30pm, £4.

☆ **STEVIE NICKS:** The loopy chanteuse from Fleetwood Mac consolidates the recent success of *The Other Side of the Mirror*. Support is young conservative crooner Richard Marx.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £14-£15.

☆ **THE SCREAMING BLUE MESSIAHS:** The *Totally Religous* Bill Carter experience remains a furious, unpolished, bruising, string-driven affair.
Zap, Kings Rd, Brighton (0273 821588) 9pm, £5.

JAZZ

☆ **JOHN MCLAUGHLIN:** To be heard on the newly-released Miles Davis LP, *Aura*, the guitarist is on tour with another of his chamber trios, accompanied by Trilok Gurtu (percussion) and Kai Eckhardt-Karpeh (bass).
English Riviera Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay (0803 295676) 8pm, £8.50.

☆ **ARTURO SANDOVAL:** Though the high-note showmanship has been geting the upper hand recently, the Cuban trumpeter remains a brilliant exponent of Latin bebop. Support from Canada's Hugh Fraser Quintet.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747) 9.30pm, £10 (members £2) To Sat.

☆ **COURTNEY PINE:** Selections from the young saxophonist's new Antilles album, *The Vision's Tale*.
The Borderline, Orange Yard, off Manette St, London WC2 (01-497 2261) 8.30pm, £7.

DANCE

☆ **TO COMFORT GHOSTS:** New work by Dan Wagoner for London Contemporary Dance Theatre, with London premieres of Jonathan Lunn's *Goes Without Saying* and Kim Brandstrup's *Orfeo*.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Ave, London EC2 (01-278 8916) 7.30pm, £4-£14.

☆ **LIPPIZANER:** Premiere by Gillian Lynne for Northern Ballet Theatre, starring Trinidad Sevillano and Patrick Armand as guests, with Ronald Hynd's new *Liaisons Amoureuses* to Offenbach's music and Michael Pink's *Strange Meeting*.
Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 236 9922) 7.30pm, £4-£13.50.

☆ **NEW WORK:** By Christopher Bruce for English National Ballet, to Stravinsky's Symphony in Three Movements, with *Etudes* and Lynn Seymour in *Anastasia*.
Bristol Hippodrome (0272 299444), 7.30pm, £3-£19.

GALLERIES

TOM WOOD: Works relating to the painter's recent portrait commission from Prince Charles.
Agnews, 43 Old Bond St, London W1 (01-629 6176), Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, free, until Jan 15.

PAST AND PRESENT: Works by 15 contemporary artists, including Frank Auerbach and Leon Kossoff, who frequently resort to drawing and painting from Old Master pictures as training exercises.
Goldsmith's Gallery, Goldsmith's College, Lewisham Way, New Cross, London SE14 (01-691 7171), Mon-Fri noon-7pm, Sat 11am-3pm, free, until Dec 16.

THOMAS AND SAMUEL PEPLOE WOOD: Landscape drawings and paintings by two Victorian brothers who travelled extensively.
Stafford Art Gallery, Lichfield Rd (0785 57303), Tues-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm, free, until January 27.

VICTORIAN ENGRAVINGS: Masterpieces of the medium by Landseer, Holman Hunt etc, mostly in original frames.
Maas Gallery, 15a Clifford St, London W1 (01-734 2302), Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, free, until Dec 8.

CHRIS KINSEY: Figurative paintings and drawings with a strong sense of narrative.
Chapter Arts Centre, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff (0222 396061), Tues-Sun noon-5pm and 7-10pm, free, until Jan 7.

TALKS

GRESHAM LECTURE: The Single Market and the removal of Technical and Fiscal Barriers by Professor K.R. Simmonds.
Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Sq, WC1, 5pm, free.

WALKS

THE BURIED CITY – LONDON BENEATH THE STREETS: Meet Blackfriars tube, 11.30am, £3 (01-937 4281).

THE JACK THE RIPPER MURDER TRAIL: Meet Whitechapel tube, 7.30pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

GHOSTS, GHOULS AND HAUNTED TAVERNS: Meet St Paul's tube, 7pm, £3 (01-937 4281).

OTHER EVENTS

CHARITY THANKSGIVING EVENING: In aid of Bacup – the National Cancer Information Service – a one hour performance by the cast of *Limelight* celebrating the works of one of Hollywood's greatest composers, Jerry Herman with songs from *Hello Dolly*, *Mame* and *La Cage aux Folles*, followed by a traditional thanksgiving buffet aboard the *Naticia* floating restaurant moored at the Festival Pier. Grand raffle and prizes.
Purcell Room, Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1. 7.30pm. Tickets £25 from Bacup, 121-123 Charterhouse St, London EC1 (01-608 1785).

GREEN CHRISTMAS FAIR: Chrysalis Arts present a street show for all seasons and all ages at 11.30am, to open the fair. Stallholders include Greenpeace, Animal Aid – with cruelty-free cosmetics and toiletries – the Findhorn Foundation – with Trees for Life calendars and diaries – and ecotrade, the trading arm of the Green Party.
London Ecology Centre, 45 Shelton St, London WC2 (01-379 4324). Until Dec 23, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

RAMBERT DANCE COMPANY: Spring season at Sadler's Wells includes premieres of Merce Cunningham's *Doubles*, and new works by Richard Alston, Ashley Page, and Gary Lambert. Also Gala for Young People in association with Barnardos, and evening of works by leading American choreographers. March 6-24.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Ave, London EC1 (01-278 8916). Postal booking open. Phone/personal booking from Dec 4.

SOUTH BANK: January programme includes *Messiah* in its entirety by London Orpheus Choir and Orchestra; Grand Opera Night conducted by Simon Joly, Spanish Guitar 90 with a John Mills master class, and The Moving Picture Mime Show in London premiere of *Generalissimo*.
South Bank Concert Halls, London SE1 (01-928 8800). General booking opens today.

LAST CHANCE

A PLACE IN THE SUN: Display reflecting first Viscount Rothermere's interest in Hungary after 1927 Treaty of Trianon, including correspondence and newspaper articles, and some of Hungarian crown jewels. Ends Thursday. Barbican.

CONTEMPORARY PHOTOGRAPHY: Three leading Hungarian photographers, Lenke Szilagyi, Laszlo Lugosi-Lugo, and Peter Gemes, as part of Magyarok Hungarian Festival. Ends Thurs.
Barbican, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 4141).

ROGER MAYNE: Street photographs, 1956-61, taken around Southam Street, North Kensington, an area later demolished as "unfit for human habitation". Ends Sun.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3002).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

TOP 10 UK SINGLES

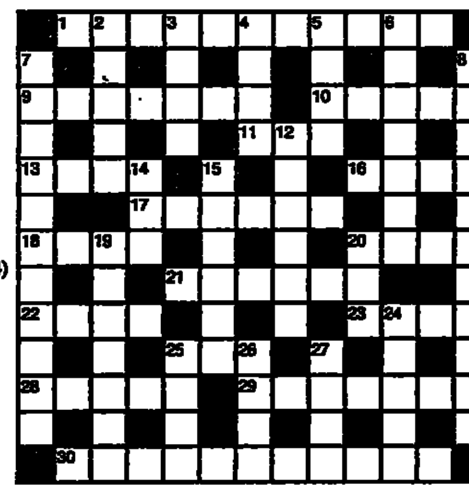
1	(1)	You Got It (The Right Stuff)	New Kids on the Block, *CBS*
2	(3)	Don't Know Much	Ronstadt/Neville, *Elektra*
3	(2)	All Around the World	Lisa Stansfield, *Arista*
4	(24)	The Eve of the War	Jeff Wayne, *CBS*
5	(4)	Another Day in Paradise	Phil Collins, *Virgin*
6	(7)	Homely Girl	UB40, *Dep International*
7	(11)	Lambada	Kaoma, *CBS*
8	(13)	What the World is Waiting For	Stone Roses, *Silvertone*
9	(27)	Can't Shake the Feeling	Big Fun, *Jive*
10	(12)	Pacific State	808 State, *ZTT*

TOP 10 UK ALBUMS

1	(–)	...But Seriously	Phil Collins, *Virgin*
2	(–)	Affection	Lisa Stansfield, *Arista*
3	(2)	Enjoy Yourself	Kylie Minogue, *PWL*
4	(1)	The Road to Hell	Chris Rea, *WEA*
5	(3)	The Best of Rod Stewart	Rod Stewart, *Warner Brothers*
6	(4)	Spark to a Flame	Chris de Burgh, *A & M*
7	(11)	Addictions Vol I	Robert Palmer, *Island*
8	(7)	Stronger	Cliff Richard, *EMI*
9	(5)	Decade	Duran Duran, *EMI*
10	(12)	Ten Good Reasons	Jason Donovan, *PWL*

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20 Wild child (4)
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6 Lamenter (7)
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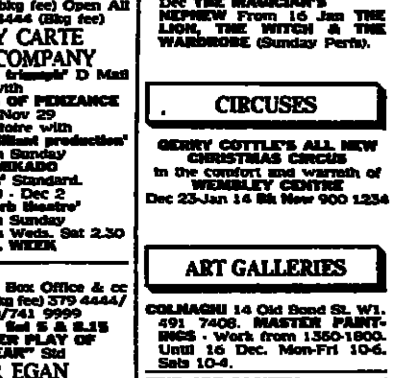
WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

MUCKENDER
(a) A handkerchief or table napkin, the Occitanian dialect of the French *mouchoir*: "For thy dull fancy a muckender is fit/To wipe the slabbering of thy snotty wit."
SHIBUI
(c) Beauty of ageing, beauty that only time can reveal, from the Japanese, used to describe the taste of a certain kind of tea, scenery of a grey, brown, or moss-green colour, and the impression of beauty in an older person such as Katharine Hepburn.
TERCIO
(a) A regiment of Spanish infantry in the 16th-17th century, subsequently used of modern Spanish units, from the Latin *tertium* a third: "The crack tercios of the Foreign Legion."
ZOSTER
(c) A belt or girdle, especially as worn by men in Ancient Greece, from the Greek *zonnunai* to gird: "A zoster or girdle of the same metal, which reached half round the body."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is from the game between Ivanov (White) against Kudrin (Black) Chicago this year. White plays and wins. The winning move will be given in tomorrow's *Times*.

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1...b5 2 Qxc5 Rd6! 3 Nc3 Rd1+ winning White's Queen. After 1...b5 2 Qe6 Qxe6 3 fxe6 bxa4 gives Black an overwhelming win in the endgame.

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DAVID de KEYSER
"bleak" Std
CHRISTIEN ANHOLT
"excellent" D Tel
in
ANOTHER TIME
"absorbing, amusing and serious" Daily Telegraph
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Eves 8 Mats Wed 3 & Sat 4

WESTMINSTER 01-834 0283/4 cc 834 0048/379 4444 (no bkg fee)) Two Narnian plays From 8 Dec THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW From 16 Jan THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE (Sunday Perfs).

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CINEMAS

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LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2 379 3014/836 0691 HELEN MIRREN & MICHAEL GAMBON in THE COOK, THE THIEF, HIS WIFE & HER LOVER (18) directed by PETER GREENAWAY Progs 1 10 3.35 6 05 8 40 Film at 1.20 3.45 6.15 8.50 Late Night Fri/Sat 11.15pm. SEATS BOOKABLE ACCESS/VISA

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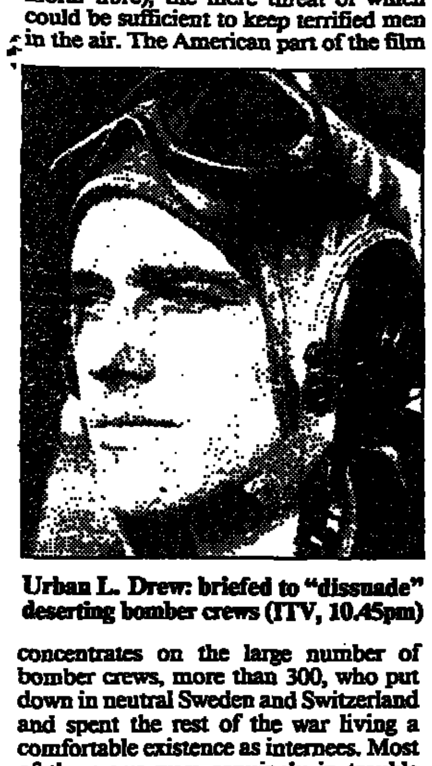
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Bomber crews on the run

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● **Whispers in the Air** (ITV, 10.45pm) examines the strains of battle on bomber crews, British and American, during the Second World War and highlights some of the darker and less-publicized consequences. In the Royal Air Force, men who cracked up under fear were denounced by Sir Arthur Harris, the head of Bomber Command, as "weaklings and waverers". But with the chances of surviving a bombing mission statistically almost down to zero, breakdowns were inevitable. *As a former rear gunner says:* "We were not all Guy Gibsons or Leonard Cheshires". The ultimate humiliation was to be branded LMF (low moral fibre), the mere threat of which could be sufficient to keep terrified men in the air. The American part of the film



Urban L. Drew: briefed to "dissuade" deserting bomber crews (ITV, 10.45pm)

concentrates on the large number of bomber crews, more than 300, who put down in neutral Sweden and Switzerland and spent the rest of the war living a comfortable existence as internees. Most of the crews were genuinely in trouble when they sought these safe havens but there were whispers of desertion. Though the evidence was flimsy, sustained by *rumour and suspicion, it was taken* seriously in Washington. Urban L. Drew, then a pilot with the United States Army Air Force, recalls his squadron being briefed to watch out for bomber crews who might be deserting and "dissuade" them. It was tacitly understood that dissuasion could mean shooting them down. Perhaps after nearly half a century the truth can never be known, but Simon Berthon's documentary still throws fascinating light on one of the war's lesser-known episodes.

● **Roe vs Wade** (BBC1, 9.30pm) is an American television dramatization of a famous legal case of the early 1970s in which a poor, unmarried and pregnant Texan girl made history by challenging the state law which forbade abortion. The case first heard in Dallas, was won but lost on appeal, and went to the American Supreme Court. Holly Hunter, nominated for an Oscar for *Broadcast News*, plays the girl, whose anonimity was protected by the name of Jane Doe. Amy Madigan, another Oscar nominee, is her lawyer. Television courtroom dramas rarely fail and this one is no exception. It has added interest in that 16 years after the Supreme Court verdict, abortion remains the most contentious moral issue in the United States.

BBC 1

6.05 The Flintstones in *Operation Switchover* (r)
6.00 BBC **Breakfast News** with Nicholas Witchell and Kirsty Wark. Includes news headlines every 15 minutes; and regular sports bulletins. weather, regional news and travel; *and a review of the morning* newspapers by Paul Callan. (Ceefax) **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Jayne Irving and Eamonn Holmes receive viewers' comment on yesterday's television programmes. To contribute ring 061 814 0424
9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject
10.00 *News and weather followed by* **Going for Gold** (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, introduced by Simon Parkin, begins with **Playbus,** presented by Dave Benson Philips and Elizabeth Watts **10.50** *The Family-Ness.* Cartoon series (r) **10.55 Five to Eleven.** Oscar James with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Jayne Irving and Eamonn Holmes are joined by David Icke who discusses the coverage of green *issues on television*
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live.** Among today's guests on the magazine programme is psychologist Sue Stirling **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather
1.30 Neighbours. *Paul is becoming* increasingly frustrated with having so little to do; Henry unsuccessfully tries to hide the hurt he feels over Bronwyn; and Mike is pushed to *the limit when he rushes to Jane's* defence. (Ceefax) **1.50 Going for Gold.** Henry Kelly hosts another round of the European general knowledge quiz show
2.15 International Snooker. Action from the Stormseal UK Championship at the Guild Hall, Preston, introduced by David Vine. The commentators are Ted Lowe Jack Karnehm and Clive Everton
3.50 Green Claws with Nick Mercer and Stella Goodier **4.05 Fantastic Max.** Last in the cartoon about a bionic baby **4.20 Happy Families.** Part two of *Master Bun the Baker's Boy* **4.35 Ipso Facto.** *Clothes.* Roving teenage reporter Scott Birch meets top fashion designer Vivienne Westwood, finds *out* where pop singer Sonia buys all her favourite costumes, investigates the latest dedicated Brosette attire, and looks to Robert Elms for the last word on fashion
5.00 Newsround 5.05 Grange Hill. Episode 17 and Gonch's dating service begins disastrously. (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Anna Ford. Weather
6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Tomorrow's World. Includes a report from Judith Hann in France about a new material which, when *woven into the soil, prevents erosion* and encourages grass to grow; and Howard Stableford has news of a system devised by Stephen Smyth of Belfast whereby five hours of material can be fitted on to one compact disc
7.30 EastEnders. Marge Green recovers from her mugging with the help of her friends and neighbours and wonders who was the mystery man who came to her *assistance. (Ceefax)*
8.00 Dad's Army: Man of Action. Captain Mainwaring declares a state of martial law in Walmington-on-Sea when a bomb drops on the outskirts of town (r)
8.30 A Question of Sport. This week Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Bryan Robson, Suki Brownsdon, Paul Ackford and Michael Watson. The questionmaster is David Coleman. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Film: Roe vs Wade (1989) (see Choice)
11.05 International Snooker. Further coverage of the Stormseal UK Championship from the Guild Hall, Preston
12.10am Stepping Up. Series for people wishing to improve their communication skills. Tonight Pam Ayres has advice on writing letters (r)
12.20 Weather

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **News** and **Good Morning Britain** presented by Kathryn Holloway and, from **7.00,** by Richard Keys and Lorraine Kelly Includes news at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00. After Nine** includes fashion advice for Christmas parties
9.25 Keynotes. Alistair Divall hosts another edition of the music quiz game for teams **9.55 Thames** news and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Anna Soubry chairs a topical discussion
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley Today's edition includes items on needlework, family *finance and coping with domestic* accidents. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddy. For the young **12.30 Home and Away.** Gary is curious about why Stacey and Philip have been asking questions about him; and Bobby reluctantly invites Roo to a get together
1.00 News at One with John Suchet followed by weather **1.20 Thames** *News and weather* **1.30 Santa Barbara.** Soap set in southern California
2.00 TV Weekly. Anne Diamond with news from favourite ITV and C4 television programmes
2.30 Take the High Road. Susan's strange behaviour has Isabel *puzzled;* and the district nurse is the subject of much gossip in the community of Glendarroch
3.00 Tell the Truth. Find-the-fraud panel game presented by Fred *Dinenage. Today's guests are* Cleo Roccos, Karl Howman, Fern Britton and Ross Davidson **3.25 Thames News 3.30 The Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama serial
4.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. Animated adventures **4.20 The Sooty Show** with Matthew Corbett **4.45 Count Duckula.** Animated series
5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather **5.55 Thames News** and weather followed by **Crimestoppers**
6.20 Thames Help. The first of three programmes examining attitudes towards Aids and those who have the disease. Presented by Jackie Spreckley
6.30 Emmerdale. Rachel shocks her mother when she tells her about her *affair* with Pete Whiteley
7.00 Wheel of Fortune. Game show
7.30 Survival: Galapagos – An Ocean Nursery. A documentary about the wildlife of the Galapagos Islands
8.00 The Bill: Just Another Day. The police believe a busker is a crack dealer but have difficulty in proving it; and a pregnant woman is bitten by her husband s rottweiler (Oracle)
8.30 Shelley. The pessimistic Shelley meets an evangelist. Starring Hywel Bennett
9.00 *Capital City. Max's new* obsession is gliding, but his attempts to interest his colleagues do not meet with success. He is also enthusiastic about financing a European space venture — but a case of fraud threatens the deal. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart. Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.35 Aids Update 89. (Oracle)
10.45 *Whispers in the Air* (see Choice)
11.45 Cockney Darts Classic. The 1989 champion, Dave Askew of Oxted, challenges Eric Bristow; and the women's final between Sonja Ralph-Smith and Jayne Kempster
12.35am Film: An Uncommon Love (1983) starring Barry Bostwick, Kathryn Harrold and Holly Hunter. A marine biology teacher due for promotion runs into opposition when it is discovered he is dating one of his students who has a rather dubious after-school occupation. Directed by Steven Stern.
2.20 Night Gallery: The Caterpillar. Macy, a new arrival in Borneo, becomes infatuated with a colleague's wife and plans to murder him. Starring Laurence Harvey (r)
3.00 Donahue chairs a discussion on what makes a person become a serial killer
4.00 Music Special featuring Hall and Oates
5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

8.00 News 8.15 Westminster presented by Nick Clarke **9.00** Ceefax
9.25 Daytime on Two: French for beginners **9.40** Children and strangers **10.00** Reflections **10.15** Learning to read **10.40** *Science: prediction* **11.00** Celebratory food **11.17** France and the French **11.35** Designing a party outfit **11.55** Maths **12.15** Relationships among living organisms **12.35** Brazilian slums **12.55** Beginner s Italian **1.20** *Gran* **1.25** *Animal Fair* **1.40** Travellers in Wales
2.00 News and weather followed by a series for four and five year olds (r) **2.15 Holiday Outings** to the Isles *of Aran (r)*
2.25 Westminster Live. The first televised Prime Minister's Question Time and the final day's debates on the Queen's Speech
4.30 Talk of the 80s. Barry Norman in conversation with Barry Hearn
5.00 Advice Shop examines whether or not the Employment Training Scheme has lived up to expectations **5.30 Watchdog** (r)
6.00 Film: Tarzan and the Great River (1967) starring Mike Henry. Tarzan *visits Rio de Janeiro zoo where* he discovers that an Amazon chieftain has revived an ancient evil cult. Directed by Robert Day.
7.25 South Africa Under the Sun. Life in South Africa as seen through the eyes of Yollie Yawa, black South Africa's most successful athlete of the decade
7.55 Prisoners of Conscience. Sir Peter Parker highlights the plight of tonight's political prisoner (Ceefax)
***8.00 The Last Launch: I Go to Work on* the San Diego Trolley.** This fourth of six documentaries about redundant Sunderland shipyard workers focuses on Brian Woodward, who has found work in an American naval yard in San Diego
8.30 Food and Drink. The first of a new series
9.00 Red Dwarf III: Polymorph. Science fiction comedy series
9.30 Made in Latin America: City Limits. How the Mexican cinema of the 1940s transformed the nation's Revolution into popular mythology
10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine
11.55 Prisoners of Conscience. See 7.55. (Ceefax) **12.00 Weather**
12.05am The Queen's Speech Debate. Highlights
12.45 Talk of the 80s. See 4.30pm. *Ends at* **1.20**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series
2.00 ***The Senior Service.*** Magazine series for the older viewer (Oracle)
2.15 Gold. The final programme in the series features Andrew Watson, a 62-year-old windsurfer; and Anne and Tom Knowles who keep a flock of rare Soay sheep (Oracle)
2.45 Black Forest Clinic. German drama series (r) **3.35 The Fox and the Tiger.** Animated Chinese parable
3.40 The Oprah Winfrey Show. With people who have lost their jobs for not wearing the correct clothes
4.30 Fifteen-to-One (r)
5.00 The Lone Ranger (b/w). Vintage Western series
5.30 Noah's Ark. A documentary about Portugal's Tajo estuary, a haven for wildlife which is under threat from pollution caused by the industries based in Lisbon
6.00 I Love Lucy (b/w) American domestic comedy series starring Lucille Ball
6.30 ***The Survivors' Guide.*** *Mark* Chase introduces the show designed to help young people survive the next decade
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather**
8.00 Images: The Best or Nothing. A look at some of the world s leading photography collections. (Oracle)
8.30 ***4 What It's Worth.*** Kieran Prendiville reports on dangerous running shoe design; and on why *a landfill site was allowed at the end* of a garden; and Bill Breckon investigates why energy efficient household goods are not readily available in the shops
9.00 Bandung File investigates incest within Britain's black and Asian communities
10.00 Snakes and Ladders. The final episode of the black comedy starring Adrian Edmondson and Jonn Gordon Sinclair
10.30 Sticky Moments with Julian Clary. Off-beat game show
11.15 Big World. Pop music series
12.15am Film: The Suspect (1944, b/w) starring Charles Laughton, Rosalind Ivan and Henry Daniell. Thriller about a man whose life is made hell by his wife's constant nagging. In desperation he murders her, making the death look like an accident, but his alcoholic neighbour guesses the truth and begins to blackmail him. Directed by Robert Siodmak. *Ends at* **1.50**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00am Sky News **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** DJ Kat Show **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The Sullivans **10.30** Sky By Day **11.30** A Problem Shared **12.00** Another World **12.55pm** General Hospital **1.50** As The World Turns **2.45** Loving **3.15** The Young Doctors **3.45** Dennis **4.00** Countdown **5.00** Sky Star Search **6.00** The New Price Is Right **6.30** Sale of the Century **7.00** Frank Bough s World **8.00** First You Cry **10.00** James Tonight **11.00** Sky World News Tonight **11.30** The Big Valley **12.30am** Countdown

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am Sky News **5.30** Beyond 2000 **6.30** European Business Channel **11.30** Our World **12.30pm** NBC Today **1.30** NBC Today **2.30** Question Time Live **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time Live **3.30** Parliament Live **4.30** Our World **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** Beyond 2000 **7.30** The Reporters **8.30** The Frank Bough Interview **9.30** Target **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC News **12.30am** The FBI **1.30** Target **2.30** The Reporters **3.30** The FBI **4.30** Target

SKY MOVIES

From **8.00am The Satellite Shop**
2.00pm Weekend of Shadows: A policeman tries to redeem his reputation
3.30 The Last of the Red-Hot Dragons: Tale of a dragon who flies to the Arctic
4.00 The Dragon That Wasn't . . . or Was He?: Cartoon fantasy
6.00 Kidco (1984): Story of an entrepreneurial youngster
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 I Know My First Name Is Steven - Part Two (1988): Concluding the true story of Steven Stayner, kidnapped and held captive for seven years
10.00 The Deliberate Stranger - Part One (1986): Fact-based mini-series focusing on the story of American killer Ted Bundy
11.45 Maximum Overdrive (1986): Emilio Estevez stars in Stephen King's horror movie
1.30am Warning Sign (1985): An accident at a biological warfare lab results in the workers turning into genetic zombies
4.00 Friendship in Vienna (1988): The relationship between a Jew and a Catholic before and after the 1938 Nazi takeover of Vienna. Ends at **5.35am**

EUROSPORT

5.00am Sky News **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** DJ Kat Show **8.30** Menu **9.00** Motor Sport **10.00** NHL Ice Hockey: Hartford Whalers v Buffalo Sabres **12.00** Eurosport — What a Week! **1.00pm** Ringside Superbouts: Harry Arroyo v Terrence Alli **2.00** Dubai Open Snooker **5.00** Bobsleigh World Cup **6.00** Eurosport — What a Week! **7.00** World Cup Badminton **8.00** Showjumping **9.00** World Cup Football **10.00** Superstars of Wrestling 89 **11.00** RAC Rally

MTV

6.00am Kristiane Backer **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** Kristiane Backer **1.00pm** Marcel Vanthilt **3.00** 3 from 1 **3.15** Marcel Vanthilt **4.00** Coca-Cola Report **4.15** Marcel Vanthilt **5.00** Remote Control **5.30** Club MTV **6.00** Ray Cokes **8.00** Yo! **8.30** Top 20 **10.00** Coca-Cola Report **10.15** Maiken Wexo **11.00** MTV Classics **12.00** Maiken Wexo **1.00pm** Club MTV **1.30** Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Spanish Soccer **9.00** Melbourne Cup Horse Race **9.30** Japan Cup Horse Race **10.00** US Professional Boxing **11.30** NFL '89 Game of the Week **1.30pm** Wide World of Sport **2.30** French Rugby League **4.00** Ice Hockey **6.00** French Rugby League **7.30** Spanish Soccer **9.15** US College Football **11.15** Tennis

LIFESTYLE

10.00am Search for Tomorrow **10.25** Keep Fit **10.30** Slim Cooking **10.55** Spain Spain **11.00** Coffee Break **11.10** The Edge of Night **11.35** Great American Gameshows **12.50pm** Body Talk **12.55** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.50** Cop Shop **2.40** Search for Tomorrow **3.05** Tea Break **3.15** Afternoon Cinema **4.45** Great American Gameshows

● Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, **TV Guide.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: **6.30pm-7.00** Wales Today **9.30** Week in Week Out **10.00** Film: Roe vs Wade **11.30-12.10am** International Snooker **12.20-12.25** News and weather **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Dotaman **6.30pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm** Sportswide **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.30** Neighbours **6.58-7.00** Inside Ulster Update **8.00-8.30** Telly Addicts **ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00** Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** Anglia News **1.30-2.00** The Sullivans **5.10-5.40** Jack Thompson Down Under **6.00** Home and Away **6.30** About Anglia **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale **11.45** Film: Enemy Below **1.30am** Kojak **2.30** Cinematractions **3.00** America s Top Ten **3.30** Coach **4.00-5.00** American College Football.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Farmhouse Kitchen **2.30-3.00** Santa Barbara **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** Lookaround **11.45** I Spy **12.45am** Tour of Duty **1.40** Borsalino **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Fashion Show **5.10-5.40** Take the Plunge **6.00** Home and Away **6.25** News **7.00-7.30** Emmerdale **11.45** Film: Phobia **1.25am** Sportsworld **2.25** Best of Blues **3.25** Starring the Actors (Sissy Spacek) **3.55** America's Top Ten **4.25-5.00** Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Gardening Time **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** TV Weekly **11.45** Film: Stephen King's Children of the Corn **1.30** Donahue **2.25** Fugitive **3.25** Silk Road **4.25-5.00** About Britain.

GRAMPIAN As London except: **1.20pm** Grampian News **1.30-2.00** Gardening Time **2.30-3.00** Sullivans **5.55** North Tonight **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **11.45** Making of a Hero **12.15am** Alfred Hitchcock Presents: The Right Kind of Medicine **12.45** Tour of Duty **1.40** Borsalino **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30-2.00** Down to Earth **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **5.55-6.30** Granada Reports **11.45** Fall Guy **12.45am** Tour of Duty **1.40** Borsalino **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** The Sullivans **5.55-6.00** News **11.45** Donahue **12.45am** Film: Mystery of the Pine Cone **2.25** The Forum Presents (Sarah Vaughn) **3.25** 60 Minutes **4.20** About Britain **4.45-5.00** Jobfinders

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **5.55-6.30pm** Wales at Six

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Coronation Street **3.27-4.00** Home and Away **5.10-5.40** Blockbusters **6.00-6.30** Today **11.45** Philip Marlowe Private Eye **12.45am** Tour of Duty **1.40** Borsalino **4.05am About Britain** 4.30-5.00 **Farming News.**

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Gardening Time **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** TV Weekly **11.45** Stephen King s Children of the Corn **1.30am** *Donahue* **2.25** *Fugitive* **3.25** Silk Road **4.20** About Britain **4.50-5.00** Emergency 999.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-2.00** Gardening Time **6.00-6.30** Northern Life **11.45** Matlock **12.45am** Tour of Duty **1.40** Borsalino **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Newstime **1.30-2.00** Ask Anne! **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00-6.30** Six Tonight **11.45** Fighters **12.15am** World s Beyond **12.45** Tour of Duty **1.40** Borsalino **4.05** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** News *1.30-2.00* Farmhouse Kitchen **3.30-4.00** Young Doctors **6.00-6.30** Calendar **11.45** Film: Stephen King's Children of the Corn **1.30am** Taxi **2.00** 60 Minutes **3.00** Music Box **4.00** About Britain **4.30-5.00** Jobfinder.

S4C Starts: **6.00am** C4 Daily **9.25** Schools **12.10pm** Pobol y Cwm **12.30** News **12.35** Ffalabalam **1.00** Time to Remember **1.30** Business Daily **2.00** Senior Service **2.15** Gold **2.45** Answering Back **3.30** Kingdom of the Sun **4.30** Fifteen to One **5.00** Wagon Train **6.00** News **6.15** Hafoc **6.40** Pobol y Cwm **7.00** Awyr Iach **7.30** Sioe Wenn **8.00** Dinas **8.30** News **8.55** Barbarossa **9.55** Snwcer **10.30** Sticky Moments **11.15** Big World **12.15am** Film: The Suspect **1.50** Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: **12.25pm** Head to Toe **1.00** News **1.30** Carson's Law **2.25** God's Houses **3.00** Live at Three **4.00** Emmerdale Farm **4.30** Perry Mason **5.30** Country Practice **6.00** The Angelus **6.01** Six-One **7.00** Radio Roulette **7.30** Pure Drop **8.00** Major Dad **8.30** Check Up **9.00** News **9.30** Today Tonight **10.10** Radharc in Poland **11.05** Hooperman **11.30** News. Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: **2.30pm** Bosco **3.00** Flipper **3.25** Long Long Ago **3.40** Mr Merlin **4.10** How Do You Do **4.30** Happy Birthday **4.45** Kids of Degrassi Street **5.25** Eureka **6.00** Jo-Maxi **6.30** Home and Away **7.00** Nuacht **7.08** Cursai **7.30** Gimmick **8.00** Streets of San Francisco **9.00** Empty Nest **9.30** Blue Blood **10.30** News **10.50** Nighthawks **11.30** Closedown

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW**
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00**
5.00am Jakki Brambles **6.30** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Mark Goodier **7.30** Starmakers and Svengalis **8.30** John Peel **10.00** Nicky Campbell **12.00-2.00am** Richard Skinner

RADIO 2

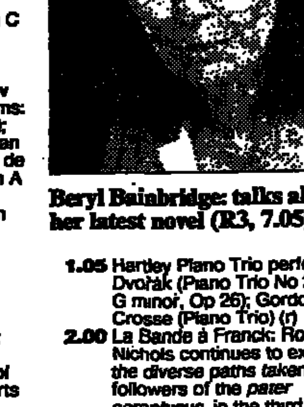
FM *Stereo and* **MW**
News on the hour
Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
4.00am Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Rosie Barnes **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Alan Jay Lerner **4.00** Adrian Love **5.00** John Dunn **7.00** Steve Race presents The Radio Orchestra Show **9.00** When Housewives had the Choice **10.00** The A to Z of . . . Politics **10.30** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.35 News in German; Headlines in English and French 5.47 Sports News 5.50 Book Choice 5.55 Weather and Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News 7.30 *Europe's* World 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Tech Talk 8.30 The Atlantic Story 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News; Sports Roundup 9.45 Cole Porter Among Friends 10.00 News Summary 10.01 Discovery 10.30 Sports International 11.00 World News 11.09 News About Britain 11.15 Waveguide 11.25 Book Choice 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm Multitrack 1 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News 1.30 Network UK 1.45 A Taste of Soul 2.00 World News; Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf: Tess of the D'Urbervilles 2.45 Cole Porter Among Friends 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 A Jolly Good Show 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World News 5.09 Commentary 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 News Headlines in English 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.54 Nachrichten 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith 8.30 Meridian 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 Business Matters 9.30 Megamix 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.10 Financial News 11.15 From Britain s Music Festival 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am Omnibus 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 From Defiance to Independence 1.45 Country Style 2.00 World News 2.09 Review of the British Press 2.15 Tech Talk 2.30 The Atlantic Story 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today 3.30 Discovery 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Nachrichten und Presseschau

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Praetorius (*Dances from Terpsichore;* 1612: New London Consort under Philip Pickett); Respighi (Ancient Airs and Dances, Suite No 2: Philharmonia Hungarica under Dorati)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Vivaldi (Concerto No 1 in C "La Cetra": Raglan Baroque Players under Kraemer, with Monica Huggett, violin); Prokofiev (Symphonic poem, Dreams: *SNO under Neeme Järvi);* Duparc (Chanson triste: San Francisco SO under Edo de Waart); Mozart (Rondo in A minor, K 511: Mitsuko Uchida, piano); Telemann (Concerto in E for flute, oboe d'amore and viola d'amore: Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood)
8.30 News
8.35 *Composers of the Week:* Rossini. I gondolieri "Péchés de vieillesse, Vol 1" (Los Angeles Vocal Arts Ensemble); Un mot à Paganini "Pechés de vieillesse, Vol 9" (Salvatore Accardo, violin, Bruno Canino, piano); Il turco in Italia, Act 1, Scenes 9-17 (National Philharmonic Orchestra under Riccardo Chailly; Ambrosian Opera Chorus)
9.35 Italian Harp Music: Andrew Lawrence-King talks about the Renaissance Italian harp and plays music by composers of the Neapolitan school, including Girolamo Lambardi, Scipione Stella, Rinaldo Dall Arpa, Jean de Macque and Gesualdo
10.10 Paganiniana: Ysaÿe (Variations for harpsichord and strings: Eugene Ysaÿe String Ensemble); Paganini *(La primavera: LPO under* Charles Dutoit); Casella (Paganiniana: Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra under Kondrashin)
10.55 Cornelius and Schumann: The BBC Singers under Ronald Corp perform Cornelius (Three Choral Songs, Op 11); Schumann (Four Songs for Double Choir) (r)
11.25 BBC Philharmonic under En Shao, with Alexander Baillie, cello, performs Berlioz (Overture, Les Francs-juges); Bizet (Symphony in C); Saint-Saëns (Cello Concerto No 2); Milhaud (Le Boeuf sur le toit)
1.00pm News



Beryl Bainbridge: talks about her latest novel (R3, 7.05pm)

1.05 Hartley Piano Trio performs Dvořák (Piano Trio No 2 in G minor, Op 26); Gordon Crosse (Piano Trio) (r)
2.00 La Bande à Franck: Roger Nichols continues to explore *the diverse paths taken by* followers of the *pater seraphicus,* in the third of six programmes
4.00 For Leon Goossens: In the first of two programmes, Nicholas Daniel, oboe, Julius Drake, piano, perform Finzi, arr Ferguson (Interlude in A minor, Op 21); Arnold Cooke (Intermezzo for oboe and piano); Elizabeth Maconchy *(For Leon Goossens);* Edwin Roxburgh (Antares); York Bowen (Sonata in D, Op 85) (r)
4.50 Spanish Harp Music: Music by Cabezon, Milan, Mudarra and Henestrosa is introduced and played by Andrew Lawrence-King
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Rodney Slatford
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Beryl Bainbridge *discusses her latest novel An Awfully Big Adventure* with Hermione Lee
7.30 Hungarian Festival: BBC Philharmonic under Edward Downes performs Liszt (From the Cradle to the Grave); Balassa (Calls and Cries); Mahler (Symphony No 1 in D, including Blumine), incl **8.10** Interval Reading
9.20 Drama Now: Bedsprings, by *David Halliwell (see Choice)*
11.00 Composers of the Week: Stanford (1852-1924). Three Motets, Op 38; Symphony No 5 in D, Op 56; Nunc dimittis "Evening Canticles in G" (r)
12.00 News **12.05am** Close

RADIO 4

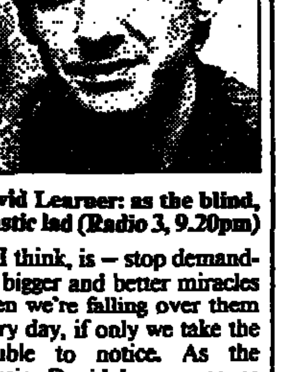
LW (s) Stereo on **FM**
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today, *incl* **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Call Nick Ross: 01-580 4411. This week's subject is embryo research
10.00 News; Medicine Now: Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care
10.30 Morning Story: The Oxo Tins, by Barbara Walters
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Citizens
11.25 From Our Own Correspondent
11.50 The Calligraphy on the Wall: Recalling the year he spent in Japan, Swansea writer Alun Richards tells how he introduced his wife to the country's mysteries. Part 4: This is Tokyo, mon Amour
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Waite
12.25pm *Quote . . . Unquote:* Nigel Rees hosts the humorous panel game. With Jean Boht, Sheridan Morley, Peter Porter and Humphrey Carpenter (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Women s Hour: A discussion on the state of women s health over the last 10 years; an interview with Frank Windsor who is playing Long John Silver in the Mermaid Theatre s production of *Treasure Island;* and an item on a project for homeless teenagers in Oxfordshire
3.00 News. Thirty-Minute Theatre: The Party Through the Wall, by Muriel Spark. A ghost story, set in South Kensington, London, in the late 1940s (s)
3.32 Richard Baker Compares Notes with counter-tenors James Bowman and Michael Chance (s)
4.00 News
4.05 Visiting Lives. Biographers talk about their work. This week, Penelope Fitzgerald talks with Ann Thwaite about her studies of Frances Hodgson Burnett, Edmund Gosse and A.A. Milne (s)
4.30 Kaleidoscope: Patrick Garland reviews Janice Rossen s book on Philip Larkin; and Sheridan Morley interviews Trevor Nunn and *Alun Armstrong,* director and star of *The Baker's Wife* at the Phoenix Theatre (s) (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News, Financial Report
6.30 Second Thoughts: Sitcom starring James Bolam and Lynda Bellingham as two divorced people contemplating remarriage (s)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 File on 4: Felicity Goodey reports on major issues at home and abroad
8.00 Science Now with Alan Lewis (r)
8.30 The Upper Hand: Dylan Winter meets people who offer their services and yet retain the upper hand over their customers. 2: The Garage Mechanic (see Choice)
8.45 In Touch: Reports on the Moon touch-reading system, which could prove to be an alternative to braille. *Presented by Peter* White
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Includes reports on the *Sunday Express* Book Award and the Barclays Young Painter Award; Philip Roberts review *Jackets* by Edward *Bond at the Haymarket* Theatre, Leicester; Sarah Kent interviews Elizabeth McGill and reports on her exhibition at the Arnolfini Gallery; and an item on training theatre, television and film directors (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime. Close Up on Death, written and *read by Maureen O'Brien (7 of 10)* (s)
11.00 The Radio Programme: Laurie Taylor with news and views of radio (s) (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, incl **12.20am** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
FM as **LW** except:
11.00am-12.00 For Schools **1.55pm** Listening Corner (s) **2.05-3.00** For Schools **5.50-5.55** *PM (cont)*

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RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● Part medical case history, part fantasy, and all cautionary tale, David Halliwell's play **Bedsprings** (Radio 3, 9.20pm) falls short of reconciling the three styles. Yet, I am full of admiration for the way Halliwell has insinuated himself into the brain of his blind, quadraplegic spastic lad who, determined to discover the secret of life, progresses from twanging *his bedsprings* to giving concert recitals on the piano. What the play is telling



David Learner: as the blind, spastic lad (Radio 3, 9.20pm)

us, I think, is — stop demanding bigger and better miracles when we're falling over them every day, if only we take the trouble to notice. As the spastic, David Learner copes superbly with some fiendishly difficult spoken thoughts.

● Car mechanics, and the bills they present, being the stuff of **The Upper Hand** (Radio 4, 8.30pm), the programme should lessen your persecution mania if you have convinced yourself that nobody, positively *nobody,* can ever have been asked to cough up so much for so little. For me, the therapeutic benefits of *The Upper Hand* are vitiated by presenter Dylan Winter's chilling experience when he takes his car in for its MOT. I follow in his leaden footsteps this week.



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Success for boat people who returned



Mrs Nguyen Thi Loan, aged 25 and her daughter Nguyen Ngoc Huyen, aged three (left); Mr Nguyen Quang Hung, aged 41, with his wife (centre); Miss Pham Bich Thuy, aged 16 (right).

By Andrew McEwen
Diplomatic Editor

Amid strong American opposition to the British government's plans to repatriate Vietnamese boat people, officials have received unexpected support for their claim that returning boat people have not been mistreated.

Mr Alf Dubs, Director of the British Refugee Council, took the photographs on this page during a visit to Vietnam. They show boat people who had returned from Hong Kong voluntarily, apparently settling back into their former way of life without facing harsh treatment.

Mr Dubs said he found no evidence of persecution during his visit. The Hanoi office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has monitored the treatment of the 500 people who have returned of their own accord, and has come to the same conclusion as Mr Dubs.

Although neither Mr Dubs nor the UNHCR can claim to have checked on every boat person, their findings support the Government's view that Hanoi is treating them fairly.

They do not, however, agree that this justifies the Government in switching from voluntary to mandatory repatriation. The UNHCR believes that two more plane loads of volunteers will return to Hanoi voluntarily in the near future, and argues that more time should be allowed for volunteers to come forward.

The Government says that as only 500 of the 37,000 people liable for repatriation have returned of their own accord, voluntary methods are insufficient. But the UNHCR points out that a further 1,000 volunteers are waiting in Hong Kong to return, and that there is a steady trickle of new volunteers.

It also believes that the Hong Kong and British authorities have damaged the prospects of persuading volunteers to go home by transferring a number of non-volunteers against their will from one of the main camps to a holding centre from where they will be put on planes.

This move, which the UNHCR believes involved the use of force, caused an immediate drop in the numbers volunteering.

Those who have returned have been helped by the British government, acting through the UNHCR. The value of the payments is thought to have been between £50 and £400.

One of the pictures shows Mrs Nguyen Thi Loan, aged 25, and her daughter Nguyen Ngoc Huyen, aged three, at their home in Hong Gai town in Quang Ninh. They went to Hong Kong in February and returned to Vietnam on the third voluntary repatriation flight in August, although her husband stayed in Hong Kong. The picture was taken in September.

In the second photograph Mr Nguyen Quang Hung, a carpenter aged 41, is seen with his wife at their home.

He went to Hong Kong with one of their sons, Ngyen Thanh Son, aged five, in April and returned in August. His wife and one of their children stayed behind in Hong Gai.

The third picture shows Miss Pham Bich Thuy, aged 16, at her home. She returned to Vietnam in August after a year in a Hong Kong camp. It appears that one of her reasons for going to Hong Kong was that nearly all other girls in her part of the town had already done so. She was almost the only girl eligible for marriage who had stayed behind.

December repatriation, page 10

Refugee policy must be eased, says Runcie

From Peter Guilford, Brussels

The Archbishop of Canterbury has warned that Western Europe must fight hard to protect refugees around the world and develop a common, unrestrictive strategy towards them at home or face a total loss of credibility when attacking other countries' refugee policies.

"An asylum policy based solely on an accelerating process of control and deterrence throughout the European Community weakens refugee protection", Dr Robert Runcie told the 23-nation Council of Europe in Strasbourg yesterday.

And in a veiled attack on the government's decision to repatriate Vietnamesse refugees forcibly from Hong Kong, Dr Runcie said that such deterrents "makes nonsense of a western criticism."

Refugees and asylum seekers, he said, are wrongly clubbed together with drug pushers and terrorists and could soon face unnecessarily tough policies as a result. Commenting on Mrs Thatcher's determination to keep border checks between EC countries in order to contain crime after 1992, Dr Runcie warned that "ever more strict border controls" were no way to respond.

Political sketch

Remember — you read it here first

There now follows a review of this morning's Press.

Following his shock victory in the Tory leadership election over the weekend, Sir Anthony Meyer has gone to ground in his Clwyd North-West constituency and is still refusing to comment. Senior Conservatives, however, have been talking freely to journalists and their comments dominate the front pages of most of today's papers.

It appears that Sir Anthony was far more widely admired than had hitherto been suspected.

The *Daily Telegraph* leads with an exclusive interview with Party Chairman, Kenneth Baker. "I always said," comments Baker, "that this election was a distraction. And what a marvellous and helpful distraction it has been. It is no secret that many had doubts about the previous leadership. What I think Anthony did was to focus those doubts and courageously to resolve them.

"In this great purpose, Ant will have guessed, I know, that he has had my quiet support throughout. I should be honoured to serve him."

A number of junior ministers, previously thought to be hostile to Sir Anthony's ambitions, have emerged through this morning's papers as supporters. *The Independent* quotes Michael Howard, the "dry" water minister, as backing Meyer's opposition to the poll tax. "I always said," says Howard, "that only loyalty kept me from mentioning my doubts about this farce." Howard is not alone. Every minister interviewed praises Meyer, most referring to personal doubts, secret until now, about the previous leadership.

The Times quotes a speech pre-released by Michael Heseltine, hailing Meyer as "English visionary and European prophet". "Anthony dreams dreams," Mr Heseltine will say to the Henley Dyno-Rod operatives" annual dinner tonight. "*We* must awake and make them reality."

In *Today*, Norman Tebbit puts it more bluntly, under the slogan: "TURN TO TONY!". "Tone and I," he says, "are very different blokes. He's a philosopher. I'm a kicker of backsides. I always said we need both. Tone knows that."

From the backbenches, too, comes a unanimous chorus of approval. Beneath the *Daily Mail*'s banner headline *THE IRON DONKEY*, influential Tory backbencher Anthony Beaumont-Dark (who had earlier described Meyer as "not so much a stalking horse: more a stalking donkey") clarifies his thoughts: "This magnificent beast," he says (referring to the donkey) "is rightly celebrated for its iron will and endurance. Yet it is also famous for the gentleness we respect in Tony, too.

"His first task will be to bring new blood into the ministerial ranks.

All the papers carry the agreed statement put out by the (present) Cabinet: "This is not a time to apportion blame but to look forward in a spirit of confidence. All was not well under the previous leadership. Loyalty, which demanded our silence, now calls us to the support of the new Leader, whose courage and resolution the Party has so rightly rewarded. We always said ..."

The scoop of the day, however, goes to the *Guardian*, which carries an anonymous eyewitness account of the vote in the Tory 1922 Committee. Apparently the vote revealed a small majority for Sir Anthony but 115 votes for Meyer bore the (presumably forged) signature of Mr Alan Clarke. However, everybody *except* Clark now claims to have voted for Meyer and a telephone poll among MPs suggests he had 47 more supporters than were, in fact, present at the meeting.

The announcement, says the *Guardian*, was accompanied by a vigorous thumping of desks. Committee Chairman, Cranley Onslow (whose speech of loyalty to the previous leadership had also been accompanied by a vigorous thumping of desks), explained this seeming about-turn: "It is not always easy — even for the MP himself thumping the desk — to know at the time whether it is a hostile or friendly thump. Subsequent events have helped us to clarify. I have always said ..."

Sir Anthony himself, apparently, was carried out — too shocked to speak.

Matthew Parris

Gandhi's fight for political survival

Continued from page 1

that will accept him as leader. The dissolution makes it possible for President Venkataraman to decide which party leader is likely to command the greatest support of the Lok Sabha (lower house), and to invite him to try to form a government. However, it is likely to be several days before the possible shape of the new administration becomes clear.

The Prime Minister's failure to follow convention by recommending Parliament's dissolution when he first summoned the election in mid-October alarmed opposition parties, whigh suspected him of preparing to introduce some unforeseen constitutional or parliamentary device to keep himself in office.

Now the air has been cleared the main players in the post-election muddle can concentrate on establishing a loose partnership or a more formal coalition.

INDIAN GENERAL ELECTION
Results after 364 seats declared out of 525 contested

Congress (and regional allies)	170
National Front	77
Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)	71
Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M)	20
Communist Party of India (CPI)	7
Others	19

Editors agree on new code of conduct

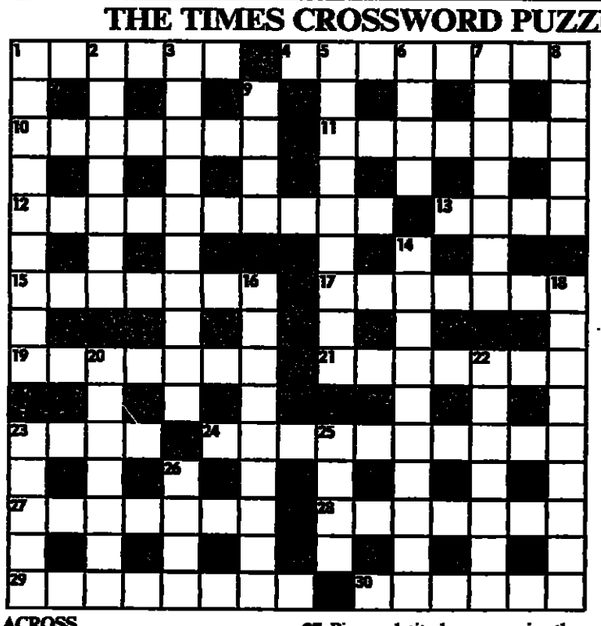
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of the World; Peter Cole, *Sunday Correspondent*; Sir David English, *Daily Mail*; Max Hastings, *The Daily Telegraph* and *Sunday Telegraph*; Brian Hitchen, *Daily Star*; John Leese, *Evening Standard*; Nick Lloyd, *Daily Express*; Kelvin Mackenzie, *The Sun*; David Montgomery, *Today*; Robin Morgan, *Sunday Express*; Andrew Neil, *Sunday Times*; Sir Geoffrey Owen, *Financial Times*; Eve Pollard, *Sunday Mirror*; Peter Preston, *The Guardian*; Stewart Steven, *The Mail on Sunday*; Richard Stott, *Daily Mirror*; Donald Trelford, *The Observer*; Andreas Whittam Smith, *The Independent*; Charles Wilson, *The Times*.

Mr Hastings said: "It is good that there seems universal recognition that some of the more extravagant titles must change their ways or we shall all suffer the consequences of hostile legislation."

Mr Lloyd said: "This code is needed because of the excesses of some newspapers which have sullied the rest of us. It is a pity that these newspapers were not brought into line by their owners but in the end what has been necessary is for us to put our own house in order."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,151



ACROSS
1 Include ringleader in school punishment (6).
4 The church preparing to fight — and winning! (8).
10 Sick man, for example, held contrary to the law (7).
11 Polished in a ladylike way (7).
12 Message from two states appearing by chance, say (10).
13 Execute one's leader, the Turkish governor (4).
15 A delicate problem for one catching trout (7).
17 Important for an actor to be so serious? (7).
19 After a lot of wrongdoing, boy is seen to blush (7).
21 Rule man breaks when introducing this clue (7).
23 Nimble as many a pond creature (4).
24 When the order is changed, postponement becomes disconcerting (3-7).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,150

S	E	A	R	C	H	E	D		A	P	O	L	L	O
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M	A	N	G	L	E		R	E	P	E	A	T	E	R

27 Pious platitudes, even in the staff cafeteria (7).
28 Appeal to artist to court one in Australia? (7).
29 One driving an examiner around before noon (8).
30 Drawing of Shackleton's first vessel (6).

DOWN
1 Crazy to arrest a scholar for such use of language (9).
2 European rodents, endlessly controversial (7).
3 Don't view so much — it's inconsiderate (10).
5 High explosive, nuclear variety, very powerful (9).
6 Head of crew leaves one water conveyance for another (4).
7 Base soldier upset count (7).
8 Flighty as my aunt, it's said (5).
9 Valley course whence the birds have flown (4).
14 Punctually reserve this for one in a theatre box (6-4).
16 Put down receiver after call for security? (4-5).
18 Great help, it's turned out, in conveying messages (9).
20 Minor legally supported by a Portuguese princess (7).
22 Seek to divide payment for clothing (7).
23 Coin from the Parisian utterer of 26 (5).
25 Steak, say for a man on the board (4).
26 Gulls where horses used to be (4).

Concise crossword, page 22

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

MUCKENDER
a. A handkerchief
b. A midden
c. A night soil collector

SHIBUI
a. Japanese green tea
b. A samurai sword sheath
c. The beauty of old age

TERCIO
a. A regiment
b. A throw at dice
c. An Italian wine measure

ZOSTER
a. The big toe joint
b. To mast lightly
c. A man's belt

Answers on page 22

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WEATHER

Eastern England and Scotland will have clear or sunny periods after morning frost and freezing fog clears. South-west England and the Channel Isles will be sunny. Cloud at first in places west of the Pennines and Grampians will clear quickly. The far north of Scotland will be mostly cloudy with occasional light rain. Outlook: Continuing dry and cold with sunny or clear periods; frost at nights.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	s	Majorca	18	64	f
Akrotiri	21	70	s	Malaga	19	66	c
Alex'dria	26	79	s	Malta	15	59	r
Algiers	17	63	r	Mell'rne	22	72	s
Amst'dm	9	48	r	Mexico C*	19	66	s
Athens	13	55	c	Miami*	26	82	s
Bahrain	25	77	s	Milan	0	32	fg
Barbados*	29	84	s	Montreal*	-2	28	c
Barcelna	15	59	f	Moscow	-15	5	s
Belgrade	1	34	c	Munich	3	37	c
Berlin	4	39	r	Nairobi	22	72	c
Bermuda*	22	72	f	Naples	11	52	f
Biarritz	12	54	s	N Delhi	21	70	s
Borde'x	12	54	s	N York*	8	46	c
Brussels	4	39	c	Nice	13	55	s
Budapst	4	39	c	Oslo	5	41	s
B Aires*	-	-	-	Paris	3	37	s
Cairo	27	81	s	Peking	3	37	c
Cape Tn	20	68	f	Perth	21	70	c
C'blanca	20	68	f	Prague	2	36	c
Chicago*	9	48	s	Reykjvik	3	37	f
Ch'church	11	52	c	Rhodes	18	64	c
Cologne	5	41	d	Rio de J	28	79	s
C'phgn	6	43	c	Riyadh	25	77	s
Corfu	15	59	s	Rome	11	52	s
Dublin	5	41	s	Salzburg	1	34	f
Dubrovnik	11	52	s	S Frisco*	12	54	s
Faro	19	66	s	Santiago*	30	86	s
Florence	6	43	s	S Paulo*	27	81	s
Frankfurt	3	37	c	Seoul	7	45	c
Funchal	20	68	s	Sing'por	-	-	-
Geneva	1	34	f	St'kholm	-1	30	sn
Gibraltar	18	64	f	Strasb'rg	3	37	s
Helsinki	-14	7	sn	Sydney	20	68	c
Hong K	24	75	c	Tangier	19	66	r
Innsbruck	2	36	s	Tel Aviv	22	72	s
Istanbul	6	43	f	Tenerife	23	73	f
Jeddah	32	90	s	Tokyo	12	54	r
Jo'burg	23	73	f	Toronto*	5	41	s
Kuwait	28	79	s	Tunis	16	61	c
L Palmas	22	72	f	Valencia	13	55	c
Le Touq't	6	43	f	Vanc'ver*	5	41	r
Lisbon	18	64	c	Venice	5	41	s
Locarno	6	43	c	Vienna	2	36	c
L Angels*	17	63	s	Warsaw	-3	27	s
Luxemb'g	5	41	s	Wash'ton*	14	57	r
Luxor	29	84	s	Wel'ton	14	57	c
Madrid	12	54	c	Zurich	-1	30	s

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp. max 6 am to 6 pm, 8C (46F), min 6 pm to 6 am, 1C (34F). Humidity: 6 pm, 73 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun 24 hr to 6 pm, 7 hr Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,021 millibars, rising.
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Saunton Sands, Devon 10C (50F); Lowest day max: Lisburn, Belfast, 0C (32F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.24 inhighest sunshine: Jersey, Channel Islands, 8.3 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp. max 6 am to 6 pm, 6C (43F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -3C (27F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 3C (37F), min 6 pm to 6 am, -7C (19F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.2 hr

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	6.0	-	5	41	sunny
Cromer	4.8	-	5	41	bright
Lowestoft	5.8	-	4	39	sunny
Southend	7.5	-	6	43	sunny
Margate	8.1	-	6	43	sunny
Folkestone	8.0	-	7	45	sunny
Hastings	8.0	-	7	45	sunny
Eastbourne	7.5	-	7	45	sunny
Brighton	8.1	-	6	43	sunny
Littlehmptn	7.8	-	5	41	sunny
Bognor R	8.2	-	7	45	sunny
Southsea	8.0	-	7	45	sunny
Sandown	7.6	-	6	43	sunny
Bournemth	7.8	-	8	46	sunny
Swanage	7.7	-	7	45	sunny
Weymouth	7.8	-	8	46	sunny
Exmouth	7.4	-	7	45	sunny
Teignmouth	6.7	-	8	46	sunny
Torquay	7.3	-	9	48	sunny
Penzance	7.5	-	9	48	sunny
Scilly Isles	7.8	-	9	48	sunny
St. Ives	6.7	-	9	48	sunny
Newquay	7.3	-	8	46	sunny
Minehead	6.8	-	7	45	sunny
Morecambe	-	-	7	45	dull
Douglas	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Aspatria	-	-	6	43	cloudy
Bristol (Cnt)	7.6	-	7	45	sunny
Buxton	4.8	-	4	39	bright
Leeds	6.4	-	7	45	sunny
Nottingham	4.0	-	5	41	fog
Anglesey	2.5	-	9	48	sunny
Cardiff (Cnt)	7.7	-	7	45	sunny
Colwyn Bay	2.3	-	8	46	cloudy
Tenby	7.1	-	7	45	sunny
Aviemore	-	-	6	43	dull
Eskdalemuir	3.2	-	6	43	bright
Glasgow	3.5	-	8	46	bright
Kinloss	-	-	9	48	dull
Lerwick	-	-	7	45	dull
Stornoway	-	.01	8	46	drizzle

These are Sunday's figures

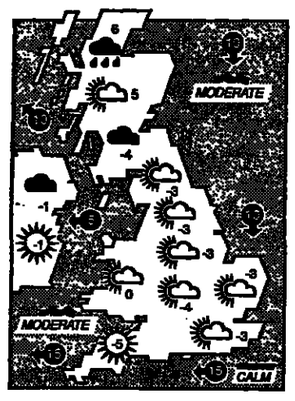
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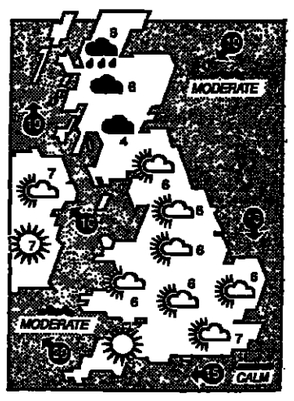
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PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 3.57 pm to 7.41 am
Bristol 4.07 pm to 7.51 am
Edinburgh 3.47 pm to 8.16 am
Manchester 3.56 pm to 7.59 am
Penzance 4.25 pm to 7.57 am

Sun rises: 7.40 am
Sun sets: 3.57 pm
Moon rises: 8.14 am
Moon sets: 3.21 pm
New Moon 9.41 am

YESTERDAY

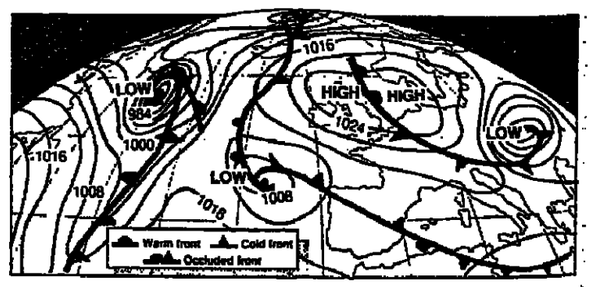
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	7	45d	Guernsey	7	45c
B'mingham	6	43c	Inverness	6	43c
Blackpool	7	45c	Jersey	8	46s
Bristol	6	43c	London	7	45s
Cardiff	5	41c	M'chester	3	37c
Edinburgh	2	36s	Newcastle	5	41s
Glasgow	-2	28fg	N'ridaway	8	46r

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.27	6.7	1.44	6.7	Liverpool	10.55	8.9	11.12	8.7
Aberdeen	12.59	3.9	1.12	4.1	Lowestoft	9.05	2.3	9.26	2.4
Avonmouth	6.57	12.4	7.18	12.8	Margate	11.47	4.5	----	---
Belfast	10.51	3.2	11.04	3.2	Milford Haven	5.56	6.5	6.12	6.4
Cardiff	6.42	11.5	6.58	11.4	Newquay	4.47	6.6	5.02	6.5
Devonport	5.25	5.4	5.43	5.2	Oban	5.29	3.8	5.32	3.8
Dover	10.44	6.3	11.02	6.3	Penzance	4.22	5.5	4.39	5.3
Falmouth	4.55	5.2	5.13	5.0	Portland	6.37	2.1	6.50	2.0
Glasgow	12.12	4.6	12.41	4.6	Portsmouth	11.08	4.5	11.33	4.4
Heysham	11.34	3.6	11.50	3.6	Shoreham	10.50	5.8	11.13	5.7
Holyhead	10.00	5.3	10.19	5.2	Southampton	10.36	4.4	11.01	4.3
Hull	6.00	6.9	6.14	7.0	Swansea	6.01	9.0	6.17	8.9
Ilfracombe	5.36	8.6	5.51	8.5	Tees	3.17	6.0	3.32	5.2
King's Lynn	6.04	6.1	6.20	6.3	W'ton-on-Nze	11.29	4.0	11.46	4.0
Leith	2.10	5.1	2.27	5.2					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft. Times are GMT



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Executive Editor
David Brewerton

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5590 (–0.0030)

W German mark
2.7914 (–0.0280)

Exchange index
86.2 (–0.5)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1753.2 (–1.7)

FT-SE 100
2224.3 (+1.9)

USM (Datastream)
148.66 (–0.02)

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Executive at British Gas goes

Mr Chris Brierley, a British Gas executive, has resigned only days before he was due to take over responsibility for gas supply, gas transportation services and strategic planning. British Gas said that Mr Brierley "has still to settle arrangements for his future business activities."

Mr Brierley's contract included a three-year notice period and he is on a salary of about £300,000. The responsibilities he was to have taken over from Friday will now be assumed by Mr Ron Probert.

Gold slips

The London gold price ran into profit-taking, having struck $421 an ounce in Far Eastern markets, but closed down $2.50 on Friday's levels at $413.75. Analysts were not disturbed at the setback, arguing that a correction would create a healthy investment climate. Silver eased by 7½p to 368p an ounce.

STOCK MARKETS

New York:
Dow Jones ..... 2680.03 (+4.48)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 36881.53 (+397.06)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2777.10 (–31.43)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ..... 182.2 (+0.7)
Sydney: AO ..... 1614.2 (–0.8)
Frankfurt: DAX ..... 1554.37 (–1.11)
Brussels:
General ..... 6571.81 (–2.31)
Paris: CAC ..... 522.8 (+3.1)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 618.7 (+1.8)
London:
FT–A All-Share ... 1115.01 (+1.01)
FT–"500" ..... 1217.15 (–0.12)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 300.0 (+3.3)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 92.58 (–0.22)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 83.64 (–0.46)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Dieknwort Benson .. 373½p (+15p)
Morgan Grenfell ..... 535½p (+60p)
Boosey & Hawkes ..... 435p (+10p)
Bremner ..... 73p (+10p)
News Corp ..... 657½p (+10p)
Smithkline Beech ..... 565p (+14p)
SW Wood ..... 731½p (+17p)
Parkfield ..... 476p (+15p)
Eurotunnel Units ..... 505p (+25p)
Bett Bros ..... 148p (+21p)
Higgs & Hill ..... 420½p (+17p)
Rosehaugh ..... 474p (+15p)
Power Corp ..... 195p (+13p)

FALLS:
Brit Aerospace ..... 499p (–19p)
Barr Wallace 'A' ..... 275p (–10p)
Unidare ..... 370p (–105p)
Tex Holdings ..... 195p (–12p)
Morland ..... 792½p (–10p)
RHM ..... 410p (–12p)
Hardanger ..... 570p (–15p)
Closing prices
Bargains 22975
SEAQ Volume 334.6m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month interbank 15¼–15⅛%
3-month eligible bills:14¾–14⅝%
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 8⁹⁄₁₆%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.62–7.60%*
30-year bonds 102¹⁵⁄₃₂–102¹⁷⁄₃₂*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5590	£: $1.5605*
£: DM2.7914	$: DM1.7900*
£: SwFr2.4975	$: SwFr1.6050*
£: FFr8.5333	$: FFr5.1140*
£: Yen223.40	$: Yen143.40*
£: Index:86.2	$: Index:69.1
ECU £0.730010	SDR £0.823364
£: ECU1.369844	£: SDR1.214529

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $417.15 pm–$413.75
close $415.00–415.50 (£265.50–266.00)
New York:
Comex $413.90–414.40*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) .... $18.45 bbl ($18.40)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.055	1.905
Austria Sch	20.45	19.25
Belgium Fr	61.85	57.85
Canada $	1.903	1.783
Denmark Kr	11.28	10.68
Finland Mkk	9.00	8.50
France Fr	9.85	9.35
Germany Dm	2.81	2.74
Greece Dr	270	252
Hong Kong $	12.82	11.92
Iceland Pt	1.11	1.04
Italy Lire	2160	2030
Japan Yen	230	222
Netherlands Gld	3.256	3.095
Norway Kr	11.16	10.59
Portugal Esc	255	239
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.90
Spain Pta	187.50	176.50
Sweden Kr	10.44	9.84
Switzerland Fr	2.51	2.45
Turkey Lira	4110	3930
USA $	1.645	1.545
Yugoslavia Dnr	refer	80000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 117.5 (October)

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Deutsche Bank offer heads off Indosuez assault on shares

Morgan agrees £950m bid

By Neil Bennett

Deutsche Bank has launched a £950 million agreed offer for Morgan Grenfell in a bid to become a leading City investment banker.

The deal has scuppered attempts by Banque Indosuez to take a 25 per cent stake in the merchant bank.

Deutsche Bank's offer of 550p cash a share is 50p higher than predictions and the 1986 flotation price. Morgan's shares jumped 60p to 536p on the news.

Deutsche, West Germany's largest bank, has also agreed to allow Morgan to continue trading as a separate company, and Mr John Craven will stay on as chief executive. Mr Craven is also joining Deutsche's management board. The takeover is subject to Bank of England approval.

The deal has stopped Indosuez from increasing its holding in Morgan Grenfell from 14.9 per cent. The French had provisionally agreed to buy a further 10 per cent stake from Willis Faber, the insurance group, at 462p a share, subject to Bank approval and a Willis shareholders' meeting tomorrow.

After the bid, Mr Roger Elliott, Willis's chairman, announced this meeting would be adjourned to allow the company to hold further negotiations over its stake.

At the price of Deutsche's bid, Indosuez has made a profit of more than £33.3 million on its stake in Morgan Grenfell. The bank refused to comment on whether it would hold or sell the stake. The terms of its deal with Willis Faber allow Indosuez to launch a higher rival offer, although the City thinks this is unlikely.

Mr Craven has bitterly opposed Indosuez since it bought a 14.9 per cent stake, and Deutsche's offer is a triumph in his quest for a white knight to rescue the bank. "The benefits of an association with Deutsche Bank far outstrip those with Indosuez," he said.

Mr Craven said he welcomed the arrival of a new parent company and an end to Morgan's public quote. "Since I will not have to spend 99.9 per cent of my time worrying about the shareholders I will be able to contribute more to the business, and perhaps even something to Deutsche Bank" he said.

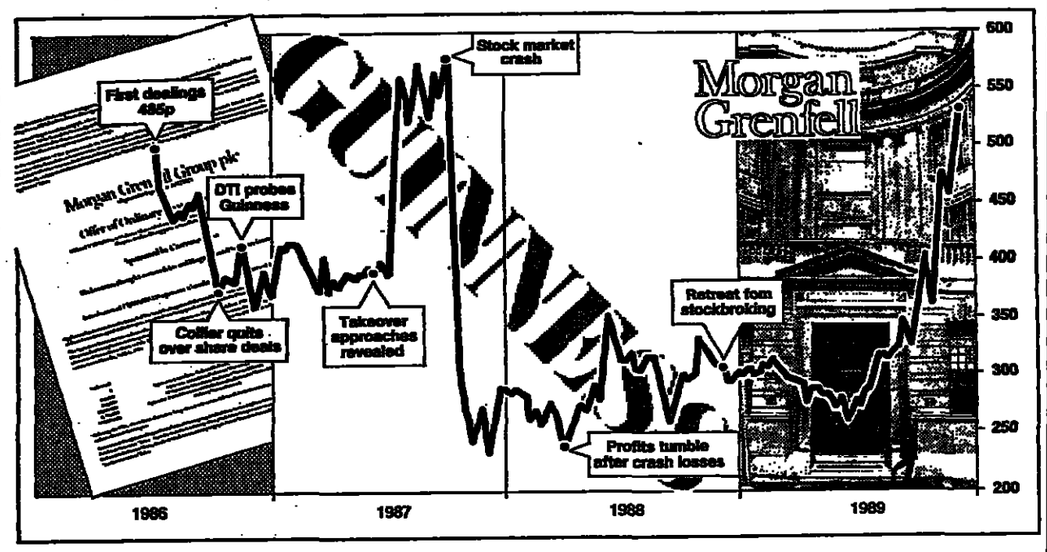
Last night, City commentators were still surprised at the price, well above any previous valuations of the bank. Analysts forecast that Morgan will make profits of £65 million this year.

Herr Alfred Herrhausen, Deutsche's chief executive, said the Morgan Grenfell takeover would strengthen the bank's position round the world. "It's a bank that has strengths where we are weak or not even active," he said. Apart from investment banking, both Deutsche and Morgan are large fund managers, and will have combined funds of £33 billion.

"We are interested in keeping the national identity of the bank to enrich the broad base of Deutsche Bank," he said.

Deutsche Bank has held a 4.9 per cent stake in Morgan Grefell for several years. Herrr Herrhausen said the bank had not bid for the company before because Morgan wanted to stay independent. "We did not want to make a hostile bid — it's not our style," he said.

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Closing an unhappy chapter

By George Sivell

The £950 million bid from Deutsche Bank agreed by Morgan Grenfell closes the book on an unhappy chapter in the merchant bank's 151-year history.

Only three weeks ago, Morgan Grenfell saw fit to publish, one year late, its celebratory 150th anniversary biography — in which the tumultuous events of the past four years were condensed into a brief epilogue.

All looked rosy for the bank in 1986 when shares were offered in a tender, or auction, to the public at a minimum 425p and the resulting bids supported a final striking price of 500p.

The flotation itself was an accident. Morgan had wanted to do a far shrewder deal. The planned takeover of Exco, the money broker, would have brought with it £400 million of cash to support merchant banking and the new-found stockbroking role to be adopted after the Stock Exchange "Big Bang" in October of that year.

First-day dealings were disappointing and the shares closed 15p down at 485p. They continued to fall after "Big Bang" electronic stock trading had got underway.

But the bank suffered when Mr Geoffrey Collier, the newly-recruited head of share trading resigned in November 1986 over private share deals in stocks of Morgan clients. In July 1987, he pleaded guilty to insider trading, received a one-year suspended sentence and a £25,000 fine.

Then followed the Department of Trade's swoop on the headquarters of Guinness. The bank had acted for Guinness in the takeover of Distillers, the focus of the DTI inquiry, and suggestions of key resignations at Morgan Grenfell sent the share price to a low of 356p.

Mr Roger Seelig, the corporate finance partner working on the Guinness takeover of Distillers, resigned on December 31, 1986. He still faces charges arising from the affair.

The City was further stunned when, at the behest of the Bank of England, Mr Christopher Reeves, the chief executive of Morgan Grenfell, and Mr Graham Walsh, head of corporate finance at the time of the Guinness takeover of Distillers, both resigned.

The ship was steadied in April when former mandarin Sir Peter Carey was appointed as chairman and Mr John Craven became chief executive.

One of the first tasks the new management faced was to declare that a number of takeover approaches had been received. This marked a turnround in the Morgan Grenfell share price and within days it became apparent that the likes of Lord Hanson, Mr Jacob Rothschild, Mr Robert Holmes à Court and Mr Alan Bond held stock.

Quest for place on world stage

By Our City Staff

Deutsche's offer for Morgan Grenfell is the pinnacle of its three-year quest to emerge from Germany and take a place on the world stage.

With a capitalization of *DM27.5 billion (£9.8 billion)*, DB is larger than Lloyds Bank and Barclays Bank combined. Its 6 million retail customers, 200,000 corporate clients, 1,200 branches and half of the total German equity market make its presence in its home country all-pervading.

A wealth of assets include large stakes in many German companies, most notably 28.2 per cent in Daimler Benz.

Last year the group had net income of DM1,200 million, up 79 per cent, and is forecast to make DM1,475 million this year.

But despite its grip on the German financial world, DB has been seen as a sleeping giant. In comparison to its domestic presence, its international operations have been insignificant.

Three years ago, the bank recognized this as a weakness. Since then it has been involved in headlong expansion in Europe and the world.

The revolution began three years ago, when DB paid $603 million for Banca d'America e d'Italia, an Italian commercial bank.

Until yesterday the two *markets where it was still* under-represented were France and Britain.

The man behind these global ambitions in Herr Alfred Herrhausen, the speaker of the management board, effectively the chief executive.

He has used DB's strong capital base to fund a spending spree that would have ruined the capital ratios of a less well-funded bank.

Herr Herrhausen has been prepared to pay such a price for Morgan Grenfell because it contains so many of the businesses DB needs. Morgan's *core investment banking* business is not only profitable, but will help the bank establish itself in Britain.

Morgan could also become the vehicle for many German companies looking to acquire businesses in Britain, while sterling remains so weak against the mark.



Shake on it: John Craven (left) and Alfred Herrhausen

White knight talk in battle for Pearl

By John Bell, City Editor

Speculation swept the stock market that a white knight is about to enter the battle for Pearl, the beleaguered life assurance company, after two blocks of Pearl shares changed hands at prices above the 690p offered by Australian Mutual Provident.

Pearl advisers said last night that the buying might have come from a friendly but unconnected institution which believes the AMP terms are an inadequate reflection of the group's long-term value.

But share dealers say that the purchases, at 691p and 692p, were more likely to be a market-maker covering a short position in Pearl shares.

About 13 million shares were traded and AMP may have added up to 4 per cent to its holding of 40 per cent.

The battle is headed for a close finish with Pearl pinning its hopes on a group of institutional investors, including other life companies like the Prudential, Legal & General, Royal and Sun Life.

Both Pearl and AMP are meetings the fast diminishing band of uncommitted institutional investors. Pearl has set up a telephone hot line for private shareholders.

Another director leaves Ferranti

By Martin Waller

Another American director of Ferranti International, the troubled defence contractor, has been eased out with the abrupt departure of Mr Joseph Zilligen, a long-time associate of Mr James Guerin, the group's former deputy chairman.

Mr Zilligen is a former chief financial officer at International Signal & Control, which he joined in 1980. Its merger with Ferranti led to the crisis that still threatens Ferranti's future.

His departure had been expected since Sir Derek Alun-Jones, the Ferranti chairman, revealed that Mr Zilligen's future was under discussion. Mr Guerin stood down in May.

A spokesman for the group said: "Those discussions have concluded." He refused to comment formally on the reasons for the departure. Mr Zilligen was also in charge of the group's Italian subsidiaries.

Sir Derek questioned Mr Zilligen's future with Ferranti as he revealed pre-tax profits for the year to end-March revised downwards from £55.8 million to £13.1 million because of the ISC affair.

Falling demand forces British Steel to consider £100m saving

Ravenscraig under closure threat

By Colin Narbrough
Economics Correspondent

British Steel may be thinking of closing its Ravenscraig plant in Scotland to save £100 million a year. The closure of the Strathclyde plant is likely to be considered if the economic slowdown leads to a permanent reduction in steel demand.

A company spokesman refused to be drawn on the politically sensitive issue of Ravenscraig beyond reiterating the recent comment from Sir Robert Scholey, the British Steel chairman, that all the company's integrated steelworks would be kept open this year.

British Steel is said to be eyeing the *£100 million a year it estimates it could* add to its bottom line by closing Ravenscraig and concentrating production in South Wales. The financial logic of closing Ravenscraig depends on the company's assessment of the longer-term outlook for demand as the steel cycle turns down and the British economy heads for a period of slow growth.

Two years ago, the Government and British Steel agreed on a statement that the company, which was privatized last year, would keep all five of its integrated plants for at least seven years "subject to market conditions." But the Government has displayed growing distaste for pledges and safeguards for privatized companies and would hardly try to dictate to British Steel what market conditions would have to prevail before Ravenscraig could be shut down.

The improved employment situation in Scotland is also expected to reduce any Government concern about the impact of a closure. Its social costs would be largely financed under European Community arrangements.

Though Ravenscraig has been working flat out and contributing to company profits, British Steel makes no secret of its strategy of directing production to the plants where overheads are lowest.

Sir Robert issued a warning this month that British demand has already fallen by 5 per cent since January. With high interest rates slowing down the economy fast, the analysts expect steel demand to drop further next year. Final demand will also be reduced by the destocking which has already started.

It is understood that no decision has been taken on Ravenscraig yet, but there are strong backers inside the company for shutting the Scottish plant, seen to have lost its industrial hinterland, and shifting production to the South Wales plants at Llanwern and Port Talbot.

Llanwern has an unused blast furnace and downstream investment could allow for increased production to offset the loss of Ravenscraig. The Scottish plant lacks wide-strip continuous casting capacity required to supply the car industry, but this is available in South Wales.

Last week, British Steel announced it is reducing production at Ravenscraig and closing for an unusually long Christmas break, reflecting the fall in demand. For three weeks, hot rolled coil output is to be cut to 20,000 tonnes from the recent 23,000 to 27,000 tonne level.

This provoked protest from the workforce, which feels it is being unfairly burdened by cuts relative to the Welsh plants.

But while the future may not look as rosy, British Steel's half-way figures this year showed a 57 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £423 million, putting the company on target for a full-year figure of more than £700 million.

Sterling sags as mark races on

By Our Economics Correspondent

The mark continued its steady climb against the major currencies on the back of bullish market sentiment triggered by the prospect of developments in Eastern Europe boosting the booming West German economy to new heights.

With financial markets still concerned about Britain's economic outlook in the wake of a gloomy forecast by the Confederation of British Industry, and worries about Mrs Thatcher's political position and interest rate policy, the pound had another bad day, despite Bank of England intervention.

Against the mark it hit a 32-month low of DM2.7826, before recovering to close at DM2.7914, nearly three pfennigs below Friday's finishing level.

But it only shed over half a cent against the dollar to $1.5590, as the American unit was also suffering from the advancing mark.

Sterling's trade-weighted index ended 0.5 points lower at 86.2, although 0.3 up against its low point.

The wholesale money markets took a rather relaxed view of developments, with the three-month London interbank rate firming only ⅛ point to end the day at 15²⁄₁₆ per cent.

The pound came off its lows, but appeared unprotected from further falls in a market dominated by the overwhelmingly favourable view of dealers of how closer ties between West Germany and its eastern neighbours will affect the most powerful economy of Europe.

The Bank of England intervened in early trading, buying pounds for European Currency Units and dollars, but the support had little effect.

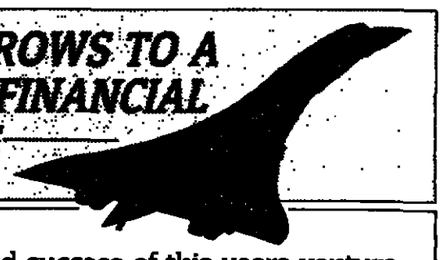
A Federal Reserve move to drain reserves from the banking system yesterday just an hour ahead of the usual intervention time, was interpreted by some Wall Street economists as a signal that, contrary to the widely-held view, US credit policy was not eased last week.

Vibroplant up

Vibroplant, the plant-hire group, made pre-tax profits of £7.2 million in the six months to September — up 32 per cent — on sales up 27 per cent at £33 million. Earnings per share rose 19 per cent to 10.4p and the interim dividend is up 20 per cent to 1.22p.

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Vibroplant faces a hiring squeeze

It says a lot for Vibroplant, the plant hire group, that when an ICI truck exploded near the group's Peterborough depot, destroying the building, trading was interrupted for only two days. Whether the group is able to weather the economic downturn in the construction industry with the same ease remains to be seen.

So far the signs are good. Pre-tax profits for the six months to September are up 32 per cent at £7.2 million on sales up 27 per cent at £33 million. Eps rose 19 per cent to 10.4p. The interim dividend is up 20 per cent at 1.22p.

Vibroplant, whose chairman is Mr Jeremy Pilkington, is fortunate in that only 10 per cent of its profits come from British housebuilding and about 30 per cent comes from the US.

Operating profits rose from £1.6 million to £2.4 million in the US in the first half and from £5.2 million to £6.2 million in Britain. Margins in Britain rose from 17 per cent to just under 20 per cent and in the US they fell from 17 per cent to 14.5 per cent but should increase to about 16 per cent as various US acquisitions are turned round.

The group's gearing is about 50 per cent and should rise to 60 per cent by the year-end. The £4 million of British borrowings is fixed at rates of 12 per cent and the £20 million of US borrowing at 9 per cent. Plant hire groups tend to have higher levels of gearing than other companies because of the depreciation write-down and investment in new plant.

The group believes the current order books for construction companies will carry it into 1990 but the future after that looks less certain.

Vibroplant increased its hire rates twice in 1989 but there could be strong resistence to further rate rises. The one spin-off of the economic squeeze on the industry is that Vibroplant may be able to acquire smaller, more highly geared, competitors reasonably cheaply.

Mr Mark Gibbon at BZW is forecasting full-year profits of £14.5 million putting the shares, up 4p at 152p, on a prospective p/e of about 7.3. They do not look expensive when compared to the rest of the sector but there is a large question mark over the short-term profits growth of the British construction industry.

ALISTAIR GRANT



Ahead: Neil Partridge (left), director of Vibroplant, and Jeremy Pilkington, yesterday

Merrydown

Acquisitions, like apples, take time to mature. So Merrydown Wine shows only modest evidence in its interim report of the benefits of the January acquisition of West Country Honey Farms, bought for £1.5 million, and its September distribution agreement with Showerings, part of Allied-Lyons.

But the other apples in its orchard have ripened well, as have health food interests, to see pre-tax profits for the six months ended September 30 swell from £748,000 to £907,000.

Half-time turnover rose 19.7 per cent to £7.26 million, and the interim dividend rises by 12.5 per cent to 1p a share, payable January 17.

The English summer was so good that the pressing season broke all records, and supplies are sufficient to ensure continued fruit pressing until next May.

If the economic gloom overhanging so much of the high street manages to by pass the traditionally busy Christmas season, and Merrydown's recently-launched new products continue to keep festive glasses charged, then Merrydown is ripe for year-end pretax profits of £2 million (£1.67 million).

Meanwhile, marketing sights are being focused on Europe before 1992 — though the full benefits of the group's marketing push of its branded products is likely to come later rather than sooner.

At home, the wider distribution of its cider products through public houses and hotels which the Showerings agreement should bring is being seen as another plus.

The balance sheet remains strong with gearing a comfortable 19 per cent, and interest cover remains a healthy 9.6 times. In time, more add-on acquisitions are likely to complement the traditional core cider interests which continue to account for 70 per cent of sales.

At yesterday's 398p, up 3p, the shares offer a prospective rating of 17.8 which under current high interest rate clouds is looking some way ahead.

Leigh Interests

Leigh Interests has not benefited as much as it might from the obsession with things green. It is hard to believe that the margins on the contract to handle the toxic waste from the Karin B freighter were worth the acres of bad Press the decision inspired.

Meanwhile, the company remains locked in dispute with the local council about the use of its incinerator at Dudley in the West Midlands. Operating the plant at full throttle would mean, perhaps, £1 million on profits a year, analysts believe, but capacity is restricted to about 10 per cent by a pressure group of local residents.

It is, therefore, probably significant that the management of its latest purchase, the Clay Colliery Company, is being locked into place with a hefty earn-out representing half the £17 million offer price, given that the most important part of its job could be to gain the planning consents that will allow its coal and clay deposits, when exhausted, to be converted into profitable waste-disposal sites.

Leigh is buying an earnings stream which will increase pre-tax profits in the year to end-March by £700,000 to a forecast £8.2 million. It is paying an exit multiple of 11 times' prospective earnings, with the vendors warranting a total of £4.2 million before tax in the two years to end-March, 1991.

The deal is funded by an initial share offering, including a further £2.6 million to pay off borrowings at Clay and expenses, representing, in all, 12 per cent of the existing share capital, with two further share or loan note issues.

The shares, down 6p to 289p, are selling on 18 times' prospective earnings. Not unreasonable for the sector; but Leigh's record — and the uncertainties raised by the Dudley situation — suggest that they should be treated with caution.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

FKI expands offshoot with £9m purchase

The FKI engineering group has bought Osborn-Mushet Tools from the Aurora Group for more than £9 million in a move which will complement its Clarkson International Tools subsidiary. Osborn, which operates from manufacturing bases in Sheffield, Warwick, and Toronto, Canada, specializes in the design and manufacture of milling-cutters, taps and drills for the precision engineering industry.

The company said the acquisition will create a strongly-positioned business in markets throughout the world. The combined strengths of Clarkson and Osborn will place the new company in the world's top 10 manufacturers of high-speed, steel-cutting tools. The market synergy of Osborn and Clarkson will create a business with more than 70 per cent of its sales overseas. The shares of FKI firmed 2p to 80p on the news.

Fimbra ban on adviser

Philip J Turner, a financial adviser who traded under his own name, has been halted from trading. The sole trader of Kidderminster, Worcestershire, has been suspended by Fimbra, the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association. Meanwhile, the suspension order on M-Consulta Management Consultants has been lifted.

Bowater in £5.45m deal

Bowater Industries, the packaging and industrial products group, is buying Impact Packaging for £5.45 million in cash and convertible preference shares, with a potential deferred payment of £1.15 million. Impact, which is based at Heanor, Derbyshire, will complement Bowater's range of products made by its print and packaging division.

Cropper at £581,000

James Cropper, the paper and board manufacturer, revealed a slump in pre-tax profits from £1.17 million to £581,000 in the six months to end-September, on turnover up from £17.16 million to £18.51 million. This follows interest payments, up from £555,000 to £814,000, and pulp costs, up 28 per cent in the last 15 months, leading to reduced margins.

Earnings per share slide from 11.3p to 5.9p, while the interim dividend is 0.872p, against 0.875p. There is an extraordinary profit of £439,000 from the sale of Cowan Head Mill. The company said home order books are shortening but export orders are up from 15 to 20 per cent.

JMD 'to pay dividends'

JMD Group, the USM greeting cards and fluffy toys distributor, has promised a return to dividends at the year-end. Once again, there will be no interim payout — from pre-tax profits for the first half of 1989 down from £172,000 to £158,000 on sales up from £5.6 million to £6.5 million. Earnings per share slipped from 0.24p to 0.22p.

Bowater sells Means group

Bowater is selling Norton Opax's RS Means to Southam Business Information and Communications Group of Toronto for $52 million (£33 million) cash. Means publishes construction cost data. It has net tangible assets of $4.8 million and made $2.1 million before tax in the year to end-September. Sale proceeds will reduce borrowings.

Tex advances by 37%

Tex Holdings, the plastics-to-engineering group, revealed a 37 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £905,000 in the six months to end-September, on turnover up 36 per cent to £9.61 million. The results were boosted by acquisitions.

Earnings per share rise from 9.1p to 11.4p and the interim dividend is up by 20 per cent to 3p. Mr Richard Burrows, chairman, said plastic mouldings, accounting for about half of turnover, continued to expand. There was an extraordinary credit of £493,000 representing profits from July's sale of Tex Abrasives (UK).

Paribas raises offer for Mixte

Paris (Reuter) — Compagnie Financière de Paribas, the merchant bank, has said that it has raised the formal offer price for Compagnie de Navigation Mixte to Fr1,887 (£19.75) per share from the initial Fr1,850.

M Francois Morin, Paribas's vice-chairman, said the 2 per cent increase was automatically triggered, under French takeover rules, after the financial group bought Mixte shares on the open market for more than its formal bid price, yesterday.

"We bought a certain number of shares this morning at a price above our offer price," M Morin said at a news conference.

Paribas's offer for Mixte has stood at Fr1,850 per share since its launch on October 23.

When the formal deadline for a higher bid has passed, French rules require an increase of at least 2 per cent in the value of the bid if open market purchases are made above the formal offer.

Mixte shares, suspended yesterday ahead of the announcement, were last traded up Fr37 at Fr1,888 after active buying.

Paribas shares were down Fr5 at Fr605 after the news.

Top Liechtenstein banker dismissed

By Martin Waller

The financial adviser to Liechtenstein's royal family has been sacked after allegations of insider trading on Wall Street which are now under investigation by the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr Christian Norgren, a Swede, aged 48, who for eight years headed the Prince of Liechtenstein Foundation, was fired after it became clear he had "seriously abused" the trust placed in him, the foundation's bank said.

The Bank in Liechtenstein is also trying to remove him as its chairman. At an extraordinary meeting on December 11 shareholders will vote on a move by the foundation, the bank's main shareholder, to replace him.

As head of the foundation, which handles the royal family's financial affairs, and chairman of its bank, Mr Norgren supervised assets including palaces, vineyards, forests, rice fields, art collections and securities worth billions of dollars.

A statement issued by the bank said he had misused information he acquired as a board member of Asea Brown Boveri, the Swedish-Swiss electrical engineering company, which has a controlling stake in the British ABB Kent (Holdings).

It said he had bought shares and options in Combustion Engineering, the US power technology group, before ABB made a public $1.6 billion (£1.02 billion) offer for it this month.

ABB said Mr Norgren had resigned from its board "in connection with the alleged insider trading. To the best of ABB's knowledge no other person employed by or connected to ABB has been involved in the alleged insider transactions." Reached at his home in Vaduz, Mr Norgren declined to discuss the case.

But he added that all his purchases involving Combustion shares or calls had been made retroactively to reflect actual market prices. "No third party was harmed," he said.

The SEC alleged in a complaint filed on November 16 that insider trading took place in Combustion Engineering shares and options immediately preceding ABB's tender offer.

It says Finacor Anstalt, a Liechtenstein company, bought 55,000 shares of Combustion stock and 1,700 call option contracts prior to ABB's offer to buy at least 80 per cent of Combustion at $40 a share.

The two companies had been holding confidential negotiations since September 29. According to the SEC suit, Finacor began making its purchases on November 9.

The suit says that Finacor's options allow it to purchase Combustion stock at $25 per share. The ABB offer came on November 13.

The SEC said that although Finacor had not sold its call options at the time of the suit, the estimated profit from the purchases based on the currently quoted price for the contracts would give Finacor a profit of about $2 million.

Mr Thomas Newkirk, SEC chief litigation counsel in Washington, said the SEC knew little of Finacor except it was formed in August. The agency is trying to determine the identity of its principals.

Mr Heinz Haussmann, head of ABB's information in Zurich, said that the company had not yet decided what steps to take against Mr Norgren.

Insider trading is not a crime in Liechtenstein, although the government plans to introduce legislation next year to outlaw it.

Urbane and at ease among the rich, Mr Norgren was widely respected in the Swiss financial community.

"Norgren brought BIL from nothing to a well-positioned bank," one foreign banker said.

"He has done good work, but now he has caused great damage to the foundation and the royal family," a Liechtenstein banker added.

The scandal is a further blow to the tiny Alpine principality, sandwiched between Austria and Switzerland, which is still mourning the deaths of Prince Franz Josef II and his wife Princess Gina in the past two months.

Bardsey agrees £14.2m offer from Beckenham

By Philip Pangalos

Beckenham Group, the Unlisted Securities Market building services and specialist distribution company, is making an agreed all-share offer for Bardsey, the fully-listed hand tool distributor, valuing it at £14.2 million, or 62½p per share.

Also, Bardsey will pay a special dividend of 1p per ordinary share and there will be a £300,000 all-share offer for its warrants. Beckenham has received acceptances for 35.2 per cent of Bardsey.

Mr Harry Westropp, Bardsey's managing director, is to be managing director of Beckenham, and Mr Michael Pearson, Bardsey's largest shareholder, a non-executive director. Mr Christopher Egleton, who will continue as Beckenham's chairman, said the combined group will have strong asset backing and cash resources.

Mr Westropp said the joint company will expand the distribution side with a drive into in Europe. Beckenham's main businesses continue to trade well and demand for services remains strong. It made pre-tax profits of £1.3 million in the year to end-April on turnover of £32.3 million.

Bardsey, which made a profit of £900,000 on sales of £20.6 million, has been affected by the building setback but continues to trade satisfactorily and has substantial cash resources. Bardsey shareholders who accept the offer may elect to receive 57¼p cash per Bardsey share, instead of the whole or part of the new Beckenham shares. Shareholders making the cash election are entitled to the special dividend. The maximum amount of cash for the cash election is £3 million.

Beckenham shares were unchanged at 83p yesterday. Bardsey shares firmed by 6p to 60p.

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Flooring side helps Hewetson to £1.1m

By Philip Pangalos

Hewetson, the Unlisted Securities Market flooring and windows group, lifted pre-tax profits from £815,000 to £1.1 million in the six months to end-September, on turnover up from £10.68 million to £16.22 million.

The interim dividend is improved to 1.6p, against 1.25p last time.

Mr Peter Price, chairman of the group, which is based in Hull, said Hewetson Floors achieved excellent turnover and profits following greater demand for raised access floors.

Large contracts have been obtained in all regions of the country. Mr Price said this market remains buoyant and there is a record order intake.

However, there have been lower contributions than expected at Bennett Windows, which has been affected by the downturn in demand for new housing.

The company is obtaining orders from a number of new customers but monetary constraints continue to inhibit demand in certain sectors of the building and construction industry.

Earnings per share climb from 6.26p to 8.37p, while diluted earnings rise from 5.90p to 7.14p. Interest payments rose from £115,000 to £172,000.

County NatWest WoodMac, which downgraded its profit forecast last month, is going for £2.33 million for the full year.

The shares remained unchanged at 113p.

Bond brewing deal postponed again

From Martin Winn, Sydney

Doubts about Mr Alan Bond's efforts to sell a half share in his Australian breweries deepened yesterday after the embattled entrepreneur again delayed the complex deal.

Bond Corporation, Mr Bond's ailing flagship company, said it is postponing its brewing link with Lion Nathan, the New Zealand drinks group, until December 8. It is the fifth time the Aus$2.5 billion (£1.26 billion) joint venture plan had been put back since September.

The long hold-up has prompted intense speculation that Lion Nathan — now the only serious contender for Mr Bond's core brewing assets — is poised to pull out.

But both sides insisted yesterday they are keen to make a deal and are considering "some amendments" to save the plan, which has been blocked by regulatory and financial obstacles.

Failure by Mr Bond to sell his breweries could severely test his bankers' patience. They are overseeing a dismantling of the Bond empire to cut its Aus$5 billion debt.

It could also trigger legal action over a controversial Aus$1.2 billion "deposit" paid for Bond Corp's worldwide breweries this year by Bell Resources, its subsidiary.

Fears that Mr Bond may be unable to achieve his asking price of Aus$2.5 billion were heightened last week when SA Brewing, Australia's third largest beer firm, withdrew from the auction.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,238	CU	298	L&G	942	Scot & N	826
Abbey Nat	4,235	Cookson	328	Lloyds	1,737	Sears	1,653
Allid-Lyons	797	Courtaulds	407	Lloyds Abb	789	Sedgwick	442
Amstrad	1,493	Dalgety	575	Lonrho	1,516	Shell	1,713
ASDA	1,355	Dorons	462	Lucas	601	Siebe	500
AB Foods	107	ECC	488	M&S	1,942	Slough	522
Argyll	699	Enterprise	404	Maxwell Cm	335	Smith & N	742
BAA	866	Ferranti	3,717	MB Group	836	SK Beech	2,483
BET	478	Fisons	2,039	MEPC	353	Smith WH	221
BTR	833	FKI	2,251	Midland	1,206	Smiths Ind	92
BAT	321	Gen Acc	473	Nat West	888	STC	562
Barclays	1,526	GEC	3,780	Next	1,107	Stan Chart	2,145
Bass	383	Glaxo	1,459	Nth Food	55	Storehse	878
Beazer	766	Globe Inv	268	P&O	256	Sun Allnce	1,022
Bensfd Intl	962	Glynwed	2,196	Pearl	331	T & N	434
BICC	204	Granada	763	Pearson	42	TI Group	819
Blue Arrow	66	Grand Met	1,010	Pilkington	2,365	Tarmac	1,398
Blue Circle	578	GUS 'A'	258	Polly Peck	4,881	Tate & Lyle	394
BOC	474	GRE	859	Prudential	1,248	Taylor Wood	343
Boots	1,194	GKN	376	Racal	1,082	TSB	2,685
BPB	1,007	Guinness	946	Racal Tele	115	Tesco	931
Br Aero	1,715	Hamm 'A'	76	Rk Hovis	768	Thorn EMI	529
Br Airways	1,114	Hanson	6,088	Rank	73	Trafalgar	585
Br Comm	8,031	H & C	691	R&C	283	THF	1,056
Br Gas	8,660	Hawker	131	Redland	283	Ultramar	1,174
Br Land	235	Hillsdown	2,429	Reed	969	Unigate	125
Br Petrol	2,686	IMI	564	Reuters	446	Unilever	813
Br Steel	9,137	ICI	774	RMC Gp	288	United Bis	795
Br Telecm	3,838	Inchcape	229	RTZ	1,443	Utd News	81
Bunzl	1,369	Jaguar	77	R-Royce	4,402	Wellcome	183
Burmah	261	Kingfisher	984	Rothmn 'B'	64	Whitbrd	1,402
Burton	238	Lasmo	410	Royal Bank	676	Williams	696
C&W	2,085	Ladbroke	1,962	Royal Ins	2,443	Willis Fab	2,149
Cadbury	829	Land Sec	589	Saatchi	711	Wimpey G	214
Coats	65	Laporte	26	Sainsbury	502		

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Puts Jan	Puts Apr	Puts Jul
Allid Lyon (*472)	420	58	76	82	4	9	15
	460	28	50	58	15	22	
	500	10	29	38	40	46	52
Bass (*993)	900	95	-	-	8	-	-
	950	52	93	120	27	30	40
	1000	28	65	90	53	60	65
Boots (*257)	240	26	37	41	4	7	11
	260	12	25	29	13	16	19
	280	5	16	20	25	28	31
Brit Air (*204)	180	28	35	38	1½	4	6
	200	12	22	24	6	9	12
	220	4	11	14½	19	21	23
Brit Com (*97)	80	16	20	22	5	7	10
	90	9	15	16	9	13	16
	100	5	11	12	15	18	23
BP (*311)	280	37	46	52	3	6	11
	300	20	30	37	7	10	14
	330	6½	14	20	21	22	27
Brit Steel (*123)	120	7½	12	15	2½	3½	6½
	135	1½	5	-	12	12	-
	145	1	2½	-	22	22	-
C & W (*471)	460	31	53	63	17	24	26
	500	14	33	44	41	46	50
	550	4	17	26	84	84	87
Cons Gold (*1480)	1450	20	-	-	5	-	-
	1500	4	-	-	45	-	-
Com Union (*451)	390	69	76	-	3	8	-
	420	42	50	60	6	13	14
	460	17	24	38	20	30	32
Courtauld (*345)	330	30	43	49	8	11	16
	360	12	25	32	22	24	30
	390	4	13	21	46	46	50
GKN (*381)	360	35	45	55	6	14	17
	390	17	25	40	18	29	31
	420	8	15	28	41	48	51
Grand Met (*540)	500	57	68	87	7	16	23
	550	24	38	57	25	37	42
	600	8	20	-	65	70	-
ICI (*1111)	1050	90	110	132	16	37	44
	1100	54	77	105	32	57	65
	1150	32	52	80	60	87	92
Jaguar (*835)	800	50	50	50	8	8	8
	850	2	3	3	16	18	19
	900	1	1	1½	68	69	68
Kingfisher (*269)	260	38	51	54	2½	6½	9
	280	22	36	40	7	14	15
	300	13	28	30	17	21	25
Ladbroke (*289)	275	25	-	-	6	-	-
	300	12	23	29	18	22	28
	325	5	-	-	39	-	-
Land Sec (*493)	460	49	68	74	5	8	17
	500	22	40	60	18	25	32
	550	6	20	30	62	64	67
M & S (*194)	180	20	27	30	2½	4	6
	200	7	15	18	11	13	15
	220	1½	6	-	27	27	-
STC (*271)	280	11	20	29	16	22	26
	300	5	12	19	34	36	38
	330	1½	6	-	64	64	-
Sainsbury (*252)	240	19	29	36	5	7	8
	260	7	17	22	13	15	17
	280	3	9	13	31	32	32
Shell (*445)	390	66	75	85	3	7	10
	420	42	48	63	7	14	18
	460	16	23	36	22	27	32
Smid Beech (*565)	541	45	-	-	10	-	-
	600	13	32	-	40	42	-
	650	2½	17	-	85	85	-
Storehse (*115)	100	18	22	25	2	5	6
	110	11	18	19	6	8	10
	120	6	11	14	10	13	15
Trafalgar (*330)	300	33	43	-	6	9	-
	317	18	-	-	12	-	-
	347	8	-	-	32	-	-
Ultramar (*335)	300	47	53	65	4	9	12
	330	25	35	47	11	20	22
	360	9	20	32	30	35	36
Unilever (*666)	600	81½	98	114½	4	11½	15
	650	42½	63½	80½	15½	25½	29½
	700	17½	37½	54½	43	50½	54
Utd Bisc (*346)	330	30	40	47	5	12	14
	360	12	23	30	19	26	29
	390	10	23	30	35	36	38
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA (*361)	330	43	55	62	5	8	11½
	360	21	36	44	16	19	23
	390	10	23	30	35	36	38
BAT Ind (*781)	700	110	135	162	9	20	22
	750	73	96	125	21	30	40
	800	44	70	85	48	57	60
BTR (*420)	390	50	59	72	7	12	15
	420	29	41	56	17	23	26
	460	13	23	35	42	48	47
Brit Aero (*500)	500	40	54	66	24	35	42
	550	19	33	45	57	63	76
	600	9	19	-	100	102	-
Brit Tele (*267)	240	31	40	46	2½	3½	5½
	260	15½	25½	31	7	8	11
	280	7	15	18½	19	20	21
Cadbury (*334)	330	29	38	50	15	20	26
	360	15	25	33	33	40	43
	390	8	16	-	60	60	-
Guinness (*582)	550	65	78	93	9	16	18
	600	33	47	63	26	35	38
	650	15	25	-	60	63	-
GEC (*215)	200	23	30	36	4	6	8½
	220	10	18	24	11	13	17
	240	4	10	15	28	29	30
Hanson (*228)	200	28	35½	40	2½	4	6½
	220	13½	23	28	9½	11	13½
	240	5½	13	18	23½	24½	26
LASMO (*539)	460	97	113	123	4	10	12
	500	65	83	95	10	17	23
	550	28	52	67	31	38	42

	Series	Calls Feb	Calls May	Calls Aug	Puts Feb	Puts May	Puts Aug
P & O (*547)	560	30¾	44¼	65¾	25½	36	39½
	600	12½	23½	35	50¼	67½	70½
	650	4½	12	-	110	110	-
Pilkington (*239)	200	44	53	-	1½	4	-
	220	27	37	42	5½	7½	11
	240	15	25	28	14	17	20
Plessey (*288)	240	-	-	-	½	-	-
	260	11	-	-	½	-	-
	280	½	½	-	-	-	-
Prudential (*208)	180	37	40	44	3	4	6
	200	20	23	30	6	8	11
	220	10	13	-	14	17	-
Racal (*241)	210	39	46	-	4½	7½	-
	230	24	35	-	11	14	-
	250	14	-	-	19	-	-
RTZ (*528)	493	57	-	-	7	-	-
	542	24	-	-	27	-	-
	600	8	16	-	77	77	-
Scot & New (*355)	330	40	55	63	14	19	27
	360	25	40	46	28	33	36
	390	14	28	-	45	50	-
Tesco (*188)	160	30¾	35¾	38¾	2	3½	4½
	180	15½	21¼	26½	6¾	9	10½
	200	6½	11¼	16½	19	20½	21½
	Series	Jan	Mar	Jun	Jan	Mar	Jun
Abbey Nat (*158)	130	32	33	-	1	2	-
	140	23	24	26	2	3	4
	160	6	10	12½	8	11	13
Ferranti (*46)	45	6	9½	12	3½	4	5½
	50	3½	6	7½	6½	7½	8½
	60	1½	3½	4	16	16	17
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
ASDA (*127)	120	14	18	23	5	8	11
	130	9	13	18	9	13	15
	140	4	9	13	16	19	21
	Series	Jan	Mar	May	Jan	Mar	May
Polly Peck (*375)	330	55	66	75½	4½	8½	12½
	360	32½	44½	56	12½	17½	22
	390	16½	29	40½	27½	33	37
	Series	Dec	Feb	Apr	Dec	Feb	Apr
Reuters (*922)	850	83½	111½	127½	3½	13½	21
	900	42½	75½	94	12½	27½	37
	950	16½	48½	66½	38½	51½	60½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*40)	35	6½	11	13½	2	4	5½
	40	4½	7½	11	4	6	7½
	45	2½	5½	6½	8	9	11
Barclays (*524)	460	67	85	90	2	9	11
	500	32	52	63	7	20	22
	550	6	21	32	28	40	43
Blue Circ (*211)	200	15	26	29	3	7	14
	220	4½	15	17	14	18	26
	250	1½	5	-	43	43	-
Brit Gas (*211)	180	33	35	43	1	2½	4½
	200	13	19	28	1½	7½	10
	220	2	7	16	11	14	17
Dixons (*106)	100	9	13	19	3	6½	10
	110	4	9	13	8	12	14
	120	1½	6	12	16	20	21
Glaxo (*732)	700	45	77	99	7	18	23
	725	27	60	77	18	27	33
	750	13	47	63	32	39	45
	775	6	35	60	47	55	60
Hawker (*607)	600	32	65	75	15	30	40
	650	10	35	50	50	52	59
	700	2	22	33	100	100	102
Hillsdown (*256)	260	9	22	29	10	14	18
	280	3½	13	19	26	28	30
	300	1	7	13	47	47	47
Lonrho (*268)	240	32	37	45	2	9	12
	257	17	-	-	6	-	-
	283	7	-	-	21	-	-
Midland (*345)	300	50	57	60	1½	7	11
	329	22	-	-	6	-	-
	360	8	19	26	20	33	37
R-Royce (*158)	160	8	13½	17	5½	8	12
	180	1½	6½	9	22	22	24
	200	1	2½	4½	42	42	43
Sears (*104)	100	7	12	13½	2	5	7
	110	1½	7	9½	7	8	11½
	120	1	4	8	17	17	17½
THF (*281)	260	25	38	42	2	7	11
	280	11	25	30	9	14	21
	300	4½	15	22	22	28	30
Thorn EMI (*728)	700	37	69	96	11	23	32
	750	11	40	67	37	46	54
	800	3	20	44	80	85	87
TSB (*118)	100	20	22	26	1	1	2½
	110	10	13	18	2	4	4
	120	3	7½	13	5	7½	9
Vaal Reefs (*$108)	90	20	24	27	2	6	8
	100	13	18	22	5	9	12
	110	7	14	17	6	14	17
Wellcome (*718)	650	77	107	132	5	18	25
	700	35	72	100	18	36	42
	750	12	47	74	46	60	66

FT-SE INDEX (*2225)

	2100	2150	2200	2250	2300	2350
Calls						
Nov	115	78	32	6	1	½
Dec	140	100	70	42	23	13
Jan	160	125	93	68	45	30
Feb	180	145	119	85	63	45
Jun	265	-	195	-	143	-
Puts						
Nov	2	4	10	37	81	140
Dec	20	32	48	75	110	157
Jan	35	50	68	100	137	165
Feb	50	65	85	114	145	170
Jun	77	-	110	-	165	-

November 27, 1989 Total: 18205 Calls 11493 Puts 6712 FT-SE: Calls 2384 Puts 3033

*Underlying security price.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 20	December 1	February 22	March 5

Call options were taken out on: 27/11/89 Aviva, British & Commonwealth, Cityvision, Cluff Oil, First Leisure, Leisure Investments, Sutar, Tuskar Resources. Put: Ratners.

Oriflame changes faces as profits rise to £4.4m

By Gillian Bowditch

Oriflame International, the Swedish cosmetics group, is breaking into new markets with recent launches in Chile, Malaysia and Thailand.

But the group has closed its three Face Shops in Britain as they were not producing adequate returns. It is now concentrating on its direct selling techniques.

The Face Shops, which sold the group's cosmetics, were opened in August last year and closed in February. Mr Kevin Kenny, the group's finance director, says the group was unable to make sufficient returns per sq ft to justify the costs.

Oriflame, headed by Mr Jonas af Jochnick, made pre-tax profits of £4.46 million, up from £3.38 million, for the six months to September, on sales of £24.5 million down from £31.6 million.

The downturn on sales and consequently operating profits is due to the sale of the Goldsmiths jewellery chain, which Oriflame sold in March last year netting a profit of £36 million. Earnings per share rose from 5.9p to 7.8p and the interim dividend is 4p (3.5p).

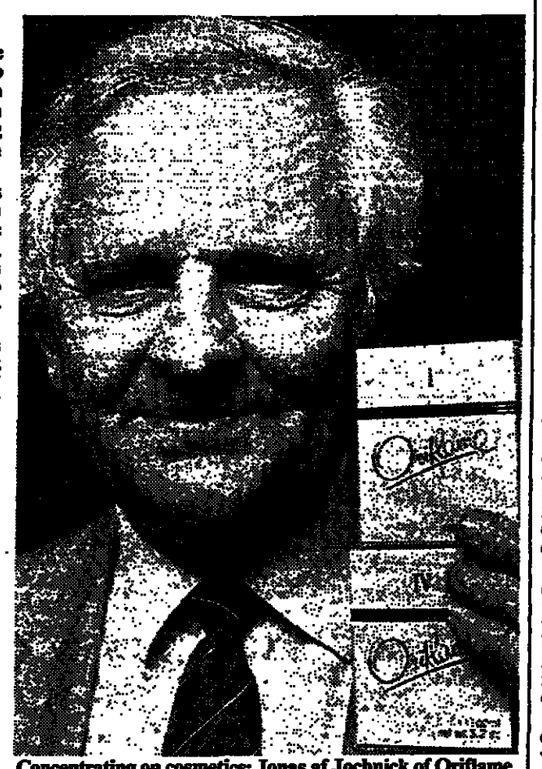
Oriflame has about £18 million in cash and earned £1.6 million in interest in the first half. Mr Kenny says there are no immediate plans to reinvest the money, and with interest rates at 15 per cent in Britain the group is making excellent returns on its cash pile.

Despite the success of its dalliance in the British jewellery market, Oriflame which sells the Vevay brand, has decided to concentrate on cosmetics, and has no plans to add another leg to the business.

For years the group has operated in England by selling cosmetics in "Tupperware" style parties. Oriflame is now changing its selling methods in most countries and last year changed its method in England, its second largest market. It is now using about 15,000 "consultants", most of whom already have another job, to sell Oriflame products.

Mr Kenny says the main criterion for opening up in new markets is the amount which is spent through direct marketing as opposed to that spent through retail outlets. Italy and Spain are both good markets for direct selling as is the Far East.

Oriflame shares on the London market fell 3p to 187p.



Concentrating on cosmetics: Jonas af Jochnick of Oriflame

C&H raises payout on £1m interim

Chamberlin & Hill, the foundry operator and electrical engineer, lifted pre-tax profits 38.5 per cent to £1.03 million in the six months to end-September, on turnover up 37 per cent to £9.74 million.

Earnings per share grew from 7.10p to 9.32p. The interim dividend is raised from 1.25p to 1.75p, partly to reduce the disparity between the interim and final

The fall in house building adversely affected performance at its subsidiaries Fred Duncombe and Fitter & Poulton.

The company said that although there are signs of weakening order books, full-year results are expected to show satisfactory progress. On the market, the shares slipped 5p to 125p.

Merrydown Wine profits up 21.2%

By Colin Campbell

England's glorious summer helped Merrydown Wine — the cider, wine and health foods group — raise pre-tax profits 21.2 per cent to £907,000 in the six months ended September.

Sales rose from £6.12 million to £7.26 million, and the interim dividend is 12.5 per cent ahead at 1p a share, payable January 17.

Mr Richard Purdey, managing director, said it was a record pressing season and the West Country Honey Farms aquisition made a "valuable" but undisclosed contribution to results.

Merrydown's profits outlook for the full year depends on the level of Christmas activity, but new products and the recent distribution agreement with Showerings (part of Allied-Lyons) should serve the group well, the board said.

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The agreement is expected to lead to higher sales and a wider distribution of products through a number of outlets, including public houses and hotels.

Export sales have been reorganized to concentrate on branded products within Europe. However, a Merrydown spokesman said it would be some time before their potential is fully realized, Merrydown added.

Sainsbury to accept Visa debit cards

J Sainsbury, the supermarket which has given debit cards a boost with its promotion of Switch, begins accepting Visa debit cards as well this week.

Until recently Visa would not allow retailers to accept the debit cards while refusing to take Visa credit cards. But a change of heart by Visa for food retailers and has ushered in a new debit card era.

The two Visa debit cards, Barclay's Connect and Lloyds Bank Payment Card, will be accepted at 253 branches.

Switch, the debit card of Midland, National Westminster and Royal Bank of Scotland, now accounts for 12 per cent of J Sainsbury's turnover.

Customers using debit cards to pay for their shopping in Sainsbury's will also be able to draw up to £30 cash.

Opec to lift oil output by 7%

By Our City Staff

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is planning to boost its output ceiling by almost 7 per cent to 22 million barrels a day for the first half of next year.

Under a new plan being considered by the Opec ministers at their meeting in Vienna, Kuwait would increase its national output quota while Indonesia and Venezuela would reduce their share of the total Opec ceiling.

Output for most of the Opec countries will rise by about 7 per cent under the plan, but, in a surprise move, the United Arab Emirates is to be given a nominal quota of just over 1 million barrels a day, unchanged from its current quota.

But as the UAE has been consistently ingnoring the Opec ceiling — it is currently producing about 2 million barrels a day — the Opec ministers are probably assuming that their ceiling will continue to be ignored.

It is also possible that the current round of talks will end with agreement of only 12 of the 13 Opec states and that the UAE will refuse to sign any accord that does not meet its demands in full. The UAE, and Kuwait, have rejected their quotas as being unfair.

When the conference opened at the weekend, Mr Rilwanu Lukman of Nigeria, the Opec president, appealed to members to stop breaking output quotas.

Current Opec output is about 23 million barrels daily, including "illegitimate" above-quota supply. Most analysts think a cut is needed of up to 1.5 million barrels per day to hold prices.

A high-ranking delegate said that there is talk among ministers of a possible "gentlemen's agreement" under which they might tolerate up to 100,000-200,000 bpd of "illegal" UAE output in addition to that 1.5 million bpd quota.

It is not immediately clear what the UAE position is on the quota issue at this moment and whether Mr Mana Saeed Otaiba, the UAE oil minister, is prepared to compromise.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Craven's tightrope walking days end

Few bankers were happier last night than John Craven, the chief executive of Morgan Grenfell. His days of walking the tightrope between encouraging a false market in Morgan Grenfell shares on the one hand and giving the impression that the company was available to the highest bidder on the other are, at last, over. He has signed his deal with Deutsche Bank at a magnificent 550p a share and no longer has to hide behind "no comment" whenever the share price rattles up or down a few pence.

The deal with Deutsche Bank is almost certainly the best that could have been done to secure the future of Craven and his colleagues in the upper echelons of the management structure. He keeps some independence in the management and will be invited to join the board of managing directors of Deutsche Bank. His nationality will probably prevent him ever becoming heir apparent to Alfred Herrhausen, "speaker of the board of managing directors", but he is, nevertheless, likely to be in a powerful position in one of the world's strongest financial institutions.

The deal is also the best currently available for the future of the bank. Morgan Grenfell has long needed not only a financially muscular partner but also one with widespread international debt and equity distribution. More than that, it needed to escape its past and its dependence on a UK stock market soured by an overpriced offer for sale. There were too many shares in issue to be supported by the size of the Morgan Grenfell business. Whichever way Craven turned for a way out, such as a management buyout, he came up against the high wall of the 500p issue price and the deep moat of unknown potential liabilities arising from the Guinness takeover of Distillers.

Deutsche Bank has been sitting on the sidelines for half a decade and was sprung into action only when Banque Indosuez popped along to Willis Faber to buy up its parcel of Morgan Grenfell shares. Once it became clear that Morgan Grenfell was going to lose its independence, Deutsche Bank had everything to gain by playing the White Knight card.

Even so, Craven has driven a hard bargain. On the basis of Morgan Grenfell's profits and financial assets, the price is breathtaking. It represents nearly 50 times' last year's earnings and more than 20 times' probable earnings for the current year. It is roughly thrice net assets and a substantial premium to break-up value calculated on the most optimistic basis. And had it not been for the potential Guinness claims from its former customer, the price might have been even higher. Deutsche Bank can afford, however, to be generous. It can cover the purchase without dilution by selling a few German bonds and as the finance director, Hilmar Kopper, remarked, shareholders will need a magnifying glass to find Morgan Grenfell in the balance sheet.

The same could not have been said of the impact it would have made on Barclays had the Barclays de Zoete Wedd talks come off, but while the 550p-a-share price probably rules out any counter-offer from Britain, it does nothing to rule Banque Indosuez offside. The first part of the Banque Indosuez deal is already sealed, but the second phase, subject to Willis Faber shareholders' approval, will not go ahead until the mists clear. Willis will open its shareholders meeting tomorrow, but will adjourn before the vote. Banque Indosuez can outbid Deutsche Bank, accept the Deutsche Bank offer and make an immediate profit of more than £30 million, or sit tight on its current shareholding and try to gain some co-operative advantage through a minority shareholding.

Morgan Grenfell's ultimate fate may yet lie with the Bank of England. While the Bank will not be unhappy to see a sorry chapter on British banking brought to an honorable close, there is little doubt that it would prefer the banking purity of Deutsche Bank to the industrial pollution of Indosuez, the interests of which could lead to conflicts with Morgan Grenfell

Assuming the Indosuez complication can be overcome, Morgan Grenfell will become more than ever the force in European merchant banking. Two in five of the mergers and acquisitions in which it is involved already start or end in a foreign company, twice the banking average. Given the amazing sphere of influence of Deutsche Bank, new customers will come tumbling out of the European forests while the existing client list will be keen to see what advantage can be gained from a perusal of Deutsche Bank's list of shareholdings, a selection of which surfaced for the first time only this year.

The rest of the merchant banking pack will be watching on to see just what degree of advantage Morgan does extract from the deal, but at this early stage, it does look a whole lot better than struggling to compete in over-broked gilts and equities markets in London.

Leigh pays £17m for Clay Colliery

By Martin Waller

Leigh Interests, the waste disposal group, is paying £17 million maximum for Clay Colliery Company, in a move which takes it into coal extraction.

Clay's extractions create void space for waste disposal. It is warranting profits of £4.2 million in total in the two years to end-March 1991, and half the payment is deferred and dependent on this figure.

The first payment is in the form of new shares worth £8.5 million. These, and a further block totalling £2.6 million to cover Clay's debts and assorted expenses, are being placed with institutions with no claw-back for existing shareholders. Mr Malcolm Wood, chairman, said institutions had been consulted on the placing before the deal.

"We are gaining a sound and well-managed company with a bright future whose operations will extend our interest in mineral excavation and strengthen our mainstream waste disposal business," he added.

Another attraction to Leigh is the expected relaxation of restrictions on private coal contractors.

They are not at present allowed to extract more than 25,000 tonnes of coal from any one site, but this figure is expected to increase tenfold in due course.

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Bett dispels gloom with pre-tax £4m

By Our City Staff

Bett Brothers, the Scottish property developer and housebuilder, saw its shares jump 21p to 148p on the back of a 186 per cent jump in pre-tax profits and a 203 per cent boost to earnings.

Pre-tax profits for the year to August soared from £1.52 million to £4.35 million on sales of £34.7 million up from £19.7 million. Earnings per share jumped from 6.23p to 18.86p and the dividend for the year is up 50 per cent at 5.8p.

So far Bett has shrugged off the effects of high interest rates. Four office developments in Glasgow were profitably sold and a substantial area of land near Heathrow airport was sold to a joint venture company in which Bett has a 50 per cent interest.

Building and ancillary services contributed most to pre-tax profits with an increased demand for new houses throughout East Scotland.

The property investment division traded actively and the valuation of investment property showed a surplus over last year.

Mr Iain Bett, chairman says: "I am encouraged by trading to date. High interest rates may be with us for some time and we will continue to adopt a very conservative attitude when valuing work in progress. But I am confident of further progress."

Greayer's racey return

Anthony Greayer, chief executive of Security Pacific Hoare Govett until his golden handcuffs were unlocked by its Californian parent, is to re-emerge in the City after a two-year absence. Greayer, aged 46, left Hoare Govett in early 1988 and will, from January 2, be joining Credit Commercial de France, the French merchant bank, as head of its UK investment banking operations. CCF owns CCF Laurence Prust, an institutional broker, and Foster & Braithwaite, one of the largest private client brokers in London. "His job will cover the whole spectrum of activities, from fund management and brokerage in both UK and international equities to mergers and acquisitions," said Daniel Quirici, UK managing director. He added that CCF wanted recognition as a fully-fledged merchant bank in Britain, as it was in France and elsewhere in Europe, and it intended to offer a full range of merchant banking services here. "We will concentrate on trans-channel M&A business to start with — it is difficult to be pan-European overnight." Meanwhile, old-Etonian Greayer will be returning to the Square Mile from the world of horse racing — he has spent his "sabbatical" helping trainer Tony Balding — winner of last year's Grand National and Champion Hurdle — run his British Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding company. "I certainly wasn't mucking out the horses," insists Greayer. "I was running the financial and administrative side. I will remain a non-executive director."

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Grave day at Debrett's

Debrett's Peerage, best known for publishing that who's-related-to-who guide of British aristocrats, is writing to the nation's leading businessmen for its inaugural editon of *Debrett's Company Directors 1990*, which it describes as "a much-needed biographical reference book of British business management." In the letters, it prides itself on being expert in "all matters of etiquette and correct form," and boasts that its operations, which date from 1802, have been "thoroughly modernized and we have installed the most up-to-date computer equipment available." Indeed, it concludes, "Debrett's standards of excellence and accuracy in research and presentation have remained without equal." It is all the more alarming, therefore, to discover that one letter intended for Howard Hodgson, chief executive of PHK, Britain's largest quoted funeral director, has been addressed to Hollard Hopson, Esq.



"With any luck, we get paid in Deutschemarks"

Adams away

Handling the Press for the marriage of Lord Althorp to Victoria Lockwood has given Carol Adams, Savoy press officer, itchy feet. For the American mother-of-four is leaving the group on Friday to launch her own PR consultancy. With the Savoy for three years and resident in Britain for 10, Adams tells me her youngest son has just graduated from the LSE and that she has filed papers for British citizenship. "My children have flown the nest and this is something that I have always wanted to do." The Savoy will be a client but it has appointed Lucinda Buxton — responsible for the Savoy centenary celebrations — as Adams' in-house replacement.

Red-faced Bond bake

Alan Bond, still struggling to save his floundering empire, has been going through the painful experience of discovering his real friends — and thankfully he still has a few of them left. Indeed, one unlikely demonstration of support has come from a group of Australian women who call themselves the Lilacs — which apparently stands for Ladies In Line Against Communism. Based in Perth, the Lilacs have been anxiously following the ups and downs of Bond's fortunes and have been perturbed to discover that the former golden boy of the Australian business world has now sprouted one or two grey hairs and is no longer his jovial self. Determined to help out in any way they can, they have decided to bake cakes and sell them to raise funds on his behalf. But their first sale of these calorific goodies has, I hear, made but a modest start — it netted a grand total of just £4.50. Hardly sufficient to soothe Bond's bankers.

● A gilt-edged trader at Baring Brothers, the merchant bank, claims he has discovered a way to keep Eurobond salesmen amused for hours on end. Attempting to telephone a client in Denmark, his call was intercepted by a recorded message which introduced itself as being the Danish telephone exchange and went on to announce: "The number you have called has been changed. Please re-dial the old number and ask for the new number."

Carol Leonard

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BUSINESS LETTERS

Burdens of high interest rates on manufacturing industry

From Mr H J C Weighell

Sir, Mrs Thatcher has praised the way in which British business has progressed during her term of office. Modest achievements by manufacturing industry can also be demonstrated despite the burdens placed upon it, of which the British Government policy over the last 10 years, to use high interest rates to curb inflation, has been one of the most onerous. From today's *Times*, I have compared Euro rates for some of our major competitors' currencies with the pound at 15 per cent — yen 7.8 per cent; dollar 8.1 per cent; mark 8.4 per cent; French franc 10.6 per cent.

This means that British industry is forced to pay nearly twice as much for its capital as the Japanese, Americans and Germans and half as much again as the French and is a significant reason for higher than necessary industrial unemployment and inflation. Here are some examples of ways in which British high interest rates restrict performance and put us at a disadvantage to our competitors.

- Potential investors in manufacturing firms expect a very high rate of return in the short term making start-up conditions particularly difficult.
- Internal justification of investment in productive equipment requires a much higher computed return than is the case for our competitors.
- Working capital costs much more than our competitors.
- High interest rates support the pound's international value making imports cheaper and exports more expensive.

Two results from these burdens are: extra costs mean higher prices and re-equipment for greater productivity is penalized. High interest rates may be welcome in the City but are anathema to manufacturing industry and can only lead to more unemployment and decline of industry after 1992.

Yours faithfully,
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Taxation of loan benefits

From Mr Roger N. Cook

Sir, With the increase in the Inland Revenue official rate to 16½ per cent from November 6, surely the time has come when the Government must look again at the implications of Section 160, Income & Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

It is iniquitous that employees of companies which are in the business of mortgage lending should be assessed to tax on a benefit calculated by reference to the rate of 16½ per cent when few lenders are currently charging in excess of 15 per cent.

The measure of the "benefit of a loan obtained by reasons of a person's employment" should be calculated on the difference between the rates at which the employee is charged interest and that prevailing for outside borrowers of the company concerned.

Yours faithfully,
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High costs of traveller's cheques

From Mrs Helen O'Brien

Sir, Our high street banks give little encouragement to small retailers to help towards our balance of payments in so far as foreign currency is concerned.

For example, traveller's cheques for US$60 on Bank America exchanged at 1.598 equalled £37.55 but commission of £5.21 was deducted thereby reducing the rate to 1.855.

American visitors can not be persuaded to accept such a ludicrous exchange rate.

Some countries entreat visitors to pay by traveller's cheques in foreign currency. Why is the UK determined to deter them from doing so?

Yours,
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Personal fitness and political weight

From Mr Allen Davis

Sir, We hear the chairman of Shell on his retirement is the prime candidate for British Rail chairmanship.

Such an intention seems to us to miss a great opportunity for testing those who aspire to the highest office.

Could we not invite a senior politician to demonstrate the ability to manage a national institution as a prelude to the nation supporting any higher ambitions he may cherish?

We are aware that this idea begs many questions but it would enable those who are keen to govern us to demonstrate that they can "do" as well as "tell."

Yours sincerely,
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Repayment of the principal amount will be paid to Bondholders on December 29, 1989, against presentation of the bonds with all coupons appertaining thereto after the date fixed for redemption, at the offices of any one of the following paying agents, 1) The Corporate Trust Office of Bankers Trust Company in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, 2) Bankers Trust Company, in London, 3) Bankers Trust Company, in Paris, 4) Banque Generale du Luxembourg, in Luxembourg, 5) Swiss Bank Corporation, in Basle, 6) Banque Indosuez Belgique, in Brussels, 7) Deutsche Unionbank in Frankfurt/Main, 8) Banca Commerciale Italiana in Milan and 9) Amsterdam-Rotterdam Bank, in Amsterdam.

Accrued Interest due on December 31, 1989 will be made in the normal manner against presentation of Coupon No. 17, on December 29, 1989.

Bankers Trust Company, London — **Agent Bank**

24th November, 1989

STOCK MARKET

Lowndes Queensway drops to low over fears about recovery

Lowndes Queensway, the troubled carpet and furniture retailer, slid 2½p to equal its low of 11p with dealers growing increasingly worried about the impact of another rise in interest rates on the group's recovery prospects.

The share price now stands at almost half the level it was at the time of last August's £18.5 million rights issue. Lowndes Queensway was formed to undertake the £450 million leveraged buyout of Harris Queensway in October last year. Shares in the company were then priced at about 100p each. Since then, the slump in sales has led to a big refinancing package, including the rescheduling of £18 million of debt. But stories that Mr Jimmy Gulliver, the chairman, was about to resign were being dismissed in the City.

Meanwhile, the new trading account got off to a sluggish start with investors waiting on the sidelines, anxiously watching the plight of the pound against a strong mark — which has raised fears about dearer money. But small falls were eventually wiped out, helped by a firm start to trading on Wall Street. The FT-SE 100 index, down 9.5 early on, finished 3.8 points up at 2,226.2. The FT index of 30 shares ended 1.7 lower at 1,753.2 on a low turnover of 334.6 million shares.

Government securities suffered along with the pound. But losses of £1 at the longer end were reduced to £¾ in late trading.

British & Commonwealth showed signs of recovering some of its poise, adding 6p to 88p after its recent shake-out. Brokers reported heavy turnover in the shares with more than 8 million traded.

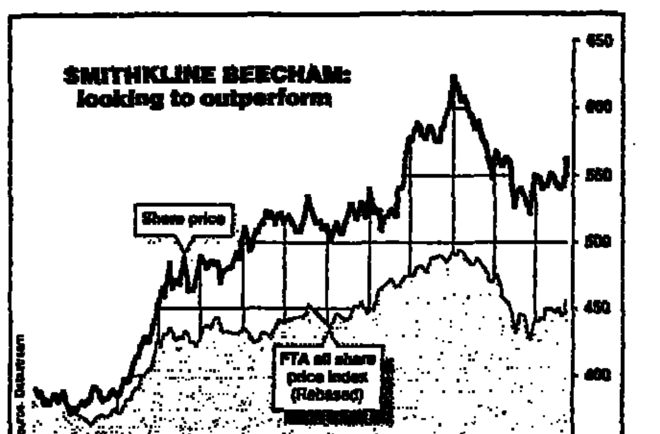
Early excitement centred on Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, in the wake of the agreed bid from Deutsche Bank.

The terms of 550p a share value Morgan at £950 million. The Morgan price responded with a leap of 60p to 536p, after 552p. Deutsche Bank already owns a near 5 per cent stake in Morgan.

Banque Indosuez still has a 15 per cent holding and has an option to buy the 10 per cent held by Willis Faber, the insurance broker, once it has received Bank of England approval.

Morgan has objected to any link-up with Banque Indosuez but recent merger talks with Barclays Bank failed.

Elsewhere in the merchant banking sector, gains were seen in Hambros, 9p to 229p, Kleinwort Benson, 19p to 377p, while SG Warburg rose 9p to 436p in ex-dividend form.



SmithKline Beecham jumped 14p to 565p following a presentation at Warburg Securities, the broker. The company will repeat the performance at UBS Phillips & Drew later today and tomorrow for 20 City analysts and a similar number from Wall Street. The company will explain the recent merger of Beecham with SmithKline Beckman and allow the Americans to meet Mr Bob Bauman, the chairman.

Mr Ian Moore, a pharmaceuticals analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, hopes to hear news about the group's new heart drug, Eminase and whether it has been approved by the US authorities.

Mr Moore has lowered his estimate of current-year pre-tax profits by £20 million to £720 million and by a similar amount for 1990 to £850 million. However, the earnings estimate remains the same because of a lower tax charge. He is urging clients to buy the shares for outperformance.

Eurotunnel appears to have found a much-needed ally in Salomon Brothers, the New York broker and the shares rallied 25p to 505p, compared with their June peak of £11.64. Salomon believes the worst of the fall is over and that a solution to the crisis will soon be found. It rates Eurotunnel a buy.

The long-awaited arms deal with the Sultan of Brunei, set to provide an orders windfall for Vosper Thorneycroft, off 2p at 257p, should also benefit British Aerospace. BAe, whose shares fell 19p to 499p, could be in line to provide 25 Hawk training aircraft to the Sultanate.

Hestair, the Atlas employment agency and push-chair maker, rose 4p to 302p following publication of Adia's offer document. Adia, the Swiss employment agency which owns Alfred Marks, has bid 228p a share, valuing the company at £169 million. Hestair has again rejected the offer.

Higgs and Hill, currently the target of an unwanted 409p-a-share offer from YJ Lovell, jumped 17p to 421p. There is talk of a possible counter-bid.

The strength of the mark was good news for those companies with big exposure to the West German markets, enabling them to shrug off the early falls experienced by the rest of the equity market. Solid performances were recorded by **Reuters** which rose 3p to 922p and ICI, 1p dearer at £11.11, after £11.00. **Burmah** also rallied from an early fall to finish all-square while Unilever ended at 668p in ex-dividend form.

WPP, the fast-growing advertising agency headed by Mr Martin Sorrell, firmed 3p to 666p as Luckwell Nominees announced it had built up a stake of 2.07 million shares, or 5.05 per cent. UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, was a big buyer of WPP.

Unidare plunged 105p to 370p in after hours' trading following a warning that the group will suffer a drop in profits because of a shortfall in the deliveries of electric heating products.

Shares of CRT, which reversed into R Smallshaw (Knitwear) and is headed by Mike Griffiths of Excalibur fame, were requoted at 48p compared the suspension price of 77p.

Michael Clark

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Air London (75p)	83
Aotos Distinction (20p)	19
Barts Hldgs (142p)	150
Barplats Mines	£155
Baxbuild Dev (50p)	100
Birse Group (120p)	123
Blackland Oil	27 −½
Brandon Hire (74p)	72
CIA GP (82p)	91 +1
Cambridge Group	65 −1
Cooper Clarke (110p)	96
Drayton Asia Tst (100p)	105 +2
Essex Furniture (50p)	40
Euro Disneyland	905 +20
FBD Hldgs (96p)	93
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Hays New	103 −1
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Lynx Hldgs (60p)	90
Millwall Hldgs (20p)	21 +1
Partridge Fine (130p)	119
Pendragon	78 +1
Ramsden (Harry) (100p)	110
Regal Hotels	160
Sempernova (40p)	50
Siam Smlr Comp	£10¾
Vardy (Reg) (90p)	79
Wescol Gp	98

RIGHTS ISSUES

CCS N/P	1¼
CRT N/P	8
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Ingham (George) N/P	50
Inoco N/P	2¼
Optim N/P	4½
Palan N/P	24
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WALL STREET

Hopes for lower rates lift Dow by 15 points

New York (Reuter) — The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 15 points to 2,690.55 in early trading. Hopes for lower interest rates pushed shares higher. Rising shares outnumbered declines by two to one in moderate trading.

Traders said that technology issues were generally firmer and underpinned the advance.

- **Tokyo** — The Nikkei index soared 397.06 points, or 1.09 per cent, to a record 36,881.53.
- **Singapore** — The *Straits Times* industrial index ended 8.38 higher at 1,393.65.
- **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index fell 31.43 to 2,777.10 and the Hong Kong index 20.79 to 1,828.62.
- **Sydney** — The All-Ordinaries index finished 1.7 down at 1,614.2.
- **Frankfurt** — The DAX index closed 1.11 lower at 1,554.37.

	Nov 24	Nov 22
AMR Cp	66¾	65
ASA	57¾	55¾
Aetna Life	61	60¾
Allied Signal	35¾	35¾
Alcoa	70¾	69¾
Amax Inc	24¼	24¼
AMR Hess	45¾	45¾
Am Brands	69¾	69¾
Am Cynmd	52¾	52¾
Am Ele Pwr	30¾	30¾
Amexs	34¾	35¾
Am Family	18¾	18¾
Am Home	104¾	104
Am Int Grp	108¾	107¾
Am Telph	43¾	43¾
Amoco	49¾	49¾
Anheuser B	37¾	37¾
Arch Dan	32¾	32¾
Armco Steel	10¾	10¾
Asarco Inc	32¾	32¾
Ashland Oil	34¾	35
Atl Richfld	101¼	100¾
Avon Prod	36¾	36¾
Bk Boston	19¾	19¾
Bank NY	43¾	42¾
Bankamer	28¾	27¾
Bkrs Tst NY	46¾	46
Baxter	24¼	23¾
Beth Steel	16¾	16¾
Boeing	59	58¾
Boise Casc	41¾	41¾
Borden	32¾	32¾
Brist Myr	56¾	56¾
BP	58¾	57¾
Broad Inc	11	10¾
Brunswick	14	14
Burl Nth	28¾	28¾
CBS	200¾	200
CMS Engy	33¾	33¾
CPC Int	71	70¾
CSX Cp	33	33¾
Camp Soup	48¾	47¾
Can Pacific	20¾	20¾
Caterpillar	58¾	58¾
Centrl SW	36¾	36¾
Champion	30¾	30¾
Chase Man	37¾	38¾
Chem Bank	32¾	32¾
Chevron	65	64¾
Chrysler	19¾	19¾
Citicorp	30¾	30¾
Clark Eq	35¾	35¾
Coca Cola	78¾	77¾
Colgate	62¾	61½
Columb Gas	46¾	46¾
Cmb'tn Eng	38¾	38¾
Cmwlth Edi	38¾	38¾
Cons Edis	26¾	26
Consol Ng	44¾	44¾
Cont Data	17¾	17
Corng Inc	41½	41¾
Crane	22	22
Curtiss W	57¾	57¾
Data Genl	13¾	13¾
Deere Co	59¾	59¾
Delta Airl	67¾	66¾
Detroit Edi	25	25
Digital Eq	89¾	90¾
Disney	129¾	128¾
Dow Chem	n.a	n.a
Dresser Ind	42¾	41¾
Dupont	114¾	113¾
Duke Pwr	52¾	52¾
East Kodak	42¾	42¾
Eaton Cp	54¾	53¾
Emerson El	37¾	37¾
Entergy	22¾	22¾
Exxon	45¾	46
Farah Inc	5¾	5¾

	Nov 24	Nov 22
Fedders	12¾	12¾
Fst Chicago	39¾	39¾
Fst Int Bncp	54¾	54¼
Fst Penn C	16¾	16¾
FT Wachva	39¾	40¾
Ford Motor	44¾	43¾
Fost Whlr	19¾	19¾
GTE Cp	67¾	66¾
Gen Cp	11¼	12¾
Gn Dynam	43¾	43¾
Gen Electric	60	60
Gen Inst	39¾	39¾
Gen Mills	72¾	72
Gen Motors	43	42¾
Gen Pub Ut	45¾	45¾
Genesco	8	8
Georgia Pac	47¾	47¾
Gillette	48¾	48¾
Goodrich	45¾	44¾
Goodyear	46¾	45
Grace Co	29¾	28¾
Grt Atl Pac	62¾	62¾
Greyhnd	31	30¾
Gruman	17¾	17¾
Heinz	32¾	32¾
Hercules	40¾	40¾
Hewlett Pk	44¾	44¾
Hilton	97	95¾
Hitachi	102¾	101½
Honda	25	24¾
Honeywell	79	79¾
ITT Cp	58¾	58
INCO	28¾	29
Ing Rand Wl	47¾	47¾
Inland Steel	33¾	33¾
IBM	100¾	100¾
Int Paper	50¾	49¾
Jhns & Jhns	56¾	56¾
K Mart	34¾	33¾
Kerr McGee	47¾	46¾
Kimbrly Clrk	72¾	73
Knght Ridr	61½	51¾
Kroger	14¾	14¾
LTV Cp	1¾	1¾
Litton	77¾	77½
Lockheed	37½	37½
Lone Star	20¾	21½
Man H'nver	36¾	36¾
Manville	9¾	9¾
Mapco	36¾	36¾
Marriott	36¾	36
Mt Marrieta	40¾	39¾
Masco Cp	25¾	25
Mcdonalds	32¾	32¾
McDonnell	67¾	67½
Mead Cp	38	38¾
Merck	79¾	78¾
Minsta Mng	77	76¾
Mitsub Bk	21¾	n.a
Mobil	56¾	58¾
Monsanto	115¾	115¾
Montedison	14¾	14¾
Morgan Jp	43¾	43¾
Motorola	58¾	57¾
NCR	61	60¾
NL Indstrs	22¾	22¾
Nat Med Ent	37¾	37½
Nat Semi	7¾	7¾
Norfolk Sth	37¾	37½
NYNEX	82¾	82
Occid Petl	29¾	29¾
Ogden Cp	32¾	32¾
Olin Cp	57	56¾
PPG Ind	38¾	38¾
Pac Enterp	48	48¾
Pac Gas El	21½	20¾
Pan Am	2¾	2¾
Paramt Cm	55¾	55¾
Penney JC	67	66¾

	Nov 24	Nov 22
Pennzoil	78¾	78¾
Pepsico	64¾	64¾
Pfizer	73¼	73
Phelps Dod	58¾	58¾
Phil Morris	41½	41½
Philip Ptrl	22	22¾
Polaroid	46¾	46¾
Primerica	28¾	27¾
Proct Gamb	66¾	65¾
Pub SE Gr	27¾	27¾
Raytheon	68¾	69¾
Rynlds Metl	51½	51¾
Rockwell Int	21¾	20¾
Royal Dutch	68	67¾
Scecorp	37¾	37¾
S Fe Pac Cp	18¾	18¾
Sara Lee	60	59¾
Schlumb	44¾	43¾
Scott Paper	50¾	50
Seagram	85¾	84¾
Sears Roeb	37¾	37¾
Sec Pac	42¾	42
Shell Trans	41¾	41¾
Sony Cp	57¾	58¾
SW Bell	54¾	54
Squibb	n.a	n.a
Sun Comp	39¾	38¾
TDK	n.a	38
TRW Inc	45¾	44¾
Teledyne	319¾	318¾
Tenneco	58¾	58¾
Texaco	53¾	53¾
Texas Inst	37¾	36¾
Tex Util	35	34¾
Textron	24¾	23¾
Timken	27	26¾
Travelers	39¾	39¾
UAL Cp	169¾	168¾
USG Cp	3	3
USX Cp	33¾	33¾
Unilever Plc	42¾	41¾
Un Carbide	23¾	23¾
Un Pac Cp	74¾	73¾
Unisys Cp	16¾	14¾
Unit Brand	16¾	16¾
Us West	70¾	70¾
Utd Tech	52¾	52¾
Unocal	27¾	27¾
Warn Lamb	115¾	114
Wells Far	79¾	79¾
Westg El	71¼	70¾
Weyershr	26¾	26¾
Whirlpool	29¾	29¾
Whitman Cp	28¾	28¾
Whitaker	8¾	8¾
Woolworth	59¾	58¾
Xerox Cp	57¾	57
Zenith	12¾	12¾

CANADIAN PRICES

	Nov 24	Nov 22
Agnico Eag	11	10¾
Alcan Alum	25¾	25¾
Can Pacific	24¾	24
Cominco	27¾	27¾
Con Bathrst	n.a	n.a
Hawk S Can	26¾	26
Hud Bay M	31¾	31¾
Imasco	37¾	37¾
Imperial Oil	61¼	60¾
Inco	33¾	33¾
Royl Trstco	16¾	16¾
Seagram	99¾	98¾
Shell Can	40¾	40¾
Stelco	20¾	20
Thmsn N 'A'	16¾	16¾
Varity Cp	2.42	2.39
WCE	21½	21½
Weston	41	41

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Account begins quietly

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began yesterday. Dealings end December 8. §Contango day December 11. Settlement day December 18. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Monotype	Industrials L-R	
2	Grainger	Property	
3	Glenson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
4	THORN EMI (aa)	Electricals	
5	Enterprise (aa)	Oil,Gas	
6	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
7	Cambridge Elec	Electricals	
8	Wholesale Fittings	Electricals	
9	Midland (aa)	Banks,Discount	
10	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
11	Wardle Storeys Plc	Chemicals,Plas	
12	Lee (Arthur)	Industrials L-R	
13	Western Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
14	Leisure Inv	Leisure	
15	Reuters (aa)	Industrials L-R	
16	Barlow Rand	Industrials A-D	
17	Cornwell Parker 'A'	Industrials A-D	
18	Aus New Z	Banks,Discount	
19	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
20	Vibroplant	Building,Roads	
21	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
22	Black (A&C)	Newspapers,Pub	
23	Laing (J)	Building,Roads	
24	Allied Colloids	Chemicals,Plas	
25	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
26	Shell (aa)	Oil,Gas	
27	Fisons (aa)	Industrials E-K	
28	Grand Met (aa)	Breweries	
29	Mersey Docks	Shipping	
30	Micro Focus	Electricals	
31	Merivale Moore	Property	
32	Broken Hill	Industrials A-D	
33	Pilko	Electricals	
34	Jaguar (aa)	Motors,Aircraft	
35	Copson PLC	Building,Roads	
36	Bruining	Paper,Print,Adv	
37	Gent SR	Drapery,Stores	
38	Eng China Clay (aa)	Industrials E-K	
39	Central TV	Leisure	
40	Bredero	Property	
41	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
42	Bass (aa)	Breweries	
43	Logica	Electricals	
44	Hestair	Industrials E-K	

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Amer Growth	210.1	223.6	+2.7	0.85
Asian Pacific	122.7	129.9e	+1.2	1.00
Assets/Earns	150.6	161.1e	-0.6	2.50
Capital Res	87.7	87.8	-0.2	4.56
Comm/Energy	122.0	129.8	+1.2	1.48
Euro Capital	93.92	100.3	+1.76	0.71
General	178.2	189.3	+1.0	2.70
Japan	131.4	139.8	+2.5	0.00
UK Gth Inc	115.4	122.9e	-0.4	2.27
Do Acc	174.9	187.0e	-0.8	1.50
US Emerg Cos	57.51	61.19	+0.60	0.00
Income/Gth	298.9	318.0e	-0.5	3.22
Masterfund Acc	93.45	99.95	+0.36	1.70
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Am Inc/Gth	34.29	36.61e	+0.32	2.60
Euro	75.99	81.12	+1.36	0.00
Euro Inc	73.47	78.45e	+1.58	2.32
Exempt	74.57	77.67	-1.6	3.79
Extra Inc	41.89	44.72c	-0.14	4.50
F/E Emerg Eo	64.88	69.21	+0.70	0.14
Invest	127.7	136.1	-3.0	1.89
Do Acc	200.2	213.7	-3.6	1.84
Gilt/Fxd Interest	21.10	22.53e	+0.01	11.04
Inc Growth	68.75	73.39e	-0.15	3.88
Intl Inc	67.20	71.73e	+0.34	4.55
Jap & Genl	227.8	243.0	+8.1	0.00
Pacific	485.4	501.7	+4.2	0.00
Security Inc	189.3	202.1e	-0.5	5.88
Smlr Cos	65.45	69.85	-0.03	2.29
Spec Sits	65.88	71.19e	-0.14	1.07
UK Growth	32.84	35.37e	-0.09	2.15
World Gth	55.73	59.50e	+0.38	0.01
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
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Equity Inc	147.7	158.0	+0.7	4.69
High Yield	190.0	203.7e	+0.6	4.94
Balanced	472.0	502.6e	+2.4	3.54
Am Inc	26.95	28.35	+0.06	2.82
World Ass Val	37.23	39.61	+0.21	0.65
Japan	183.2	196.7	+2.4	0.01
Sec of Am	267.9	285.0e	+1.5	0.30
Asset Value	320.6	341.2e	+1.8	2.37
O'seas Earn	245.5	262.5c	+0.5	3.60
Recov	108.5	115.4e	+0.6	2.21
UK Spec Sits	261.4	280.4	+0.3	2.08
Smlr Cos	169.4	177.2	-0.2	2.35
Capital	276.6	297.7	+1.0	2.42
Am Spec Sit	86.22	91.65	+0.45	1.48
Intl	113.4	120.7	+0.6	0.74
Growth/Inc	167.5	178.3	+0.5	3.76
Euro Gth	24.72	26.32	+0.24	1.10
Pacific	303.0	319.5	+4.7	0.08
2nd Smlr Co	164.9	175.5	+0.2	1.83
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Capital	88.47	94.57	-0.02	2.68
Euro Gth Inc	96.66	103.1	+2.23	1.24
Extra Inc	98.0	105.0e	-0.3	5.60
General	189.7	201.3	-0.1	3.57
Gilt/Fxd Income	49.25	51.03e	-0.05	10.62
Inc Trust	436.1	467.3	-1.7	4.82
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ Tel: 01-658 9002				
Am Sm Cos	61.69	65.45	+0.94	1.19
Australia	72.10	77.02e	+0.29	1.50
Convertible	48.11	51.04	-0.08	7.20
East	131.6	140.2	+1.6	1.20
Equity Inc	72.35	76.76e	-0.14	6.50
Euro Gth	180.2	191.1	+0.6	1.40
Euro Smlr Cos	184.5	195.7c	+2.6	0.30
Exempt	66.36	67.71	..	3.50
Growth/Inc	80.80	85.65	+0.28	2.70
Do Acc	144.0	149.2	+0.4	2.70
Global Gth	79.50	84.35e	+1.52	0.10
Jap Spec	203.7	216.6	+2.6	0.00
Jap Sunrise	188.3	198.1	+0.9	0.00
1st N Am	62.30	66.19	+0.98	1.70
UK Growth	65.50	69.39	-0.33	2.80
UK Smlr Cos	87.02	92.28e	+0.69	2.20
Select Man Fd	55.76	59.18	+0.60	1.00
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	141.2	151.1	+0.8	3.94
Smlr Cos Acc	293.2	316.7e	-2.3	0.90
Do Inc	182.1	196.7e	-1.5	1.28
High Inc	80.99	87.27	+0.27	5.80
Income	101.4	109.3e	-0.8	5.34
Man Portf Inc	88.54	94.74	+0.64	2.84
Do Acc	154.5	165.3	+1.0	2.20
Nth Amer	84.87	89.39	+0.80	0.36
Orient	138.8	149.2e	+1.4	0.35
Exempt	288.7	307.0e	-0.2	2.78
Recov	80.58	84.92e	+1.07	3.80
German	35.41	37.95e	+0.67	0.80
Intl Recov	32.52	35.00e	+0.45	2.89
Europe	22.15	23.85	+0.37	2.40
Conv Genrl	23.20	24.94c	-0.59	7.80
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Emer Gth Inc	58.31	61.68	+0.17	2.97
Do Acc	58.64	63.07	+0.19	2.97
Fellowship Inc	83.36	67.23	+0.25	2.18
Genrl Inc 4	293.4	314.0e	+4.7	3.14
Do Acc 4	479.0	508.2	-3.3	3.14
Inc Fund 3	155.1	164.6e	..	4.90
Do Acc 3	367.4	388.2	-0.1	4.90
Intl Inc 2	119.3	126.4	+1.9	0.93
Do Acc 2	164.4	173.9	+2.7	0.93
Smlr Inc 5	102.8	108.2	+0.1	2.33
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Sht Gt Fxd Int	54.92	55.71	+0.04	2.83
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	37.02	39.58e	-0.14	2.58
Income	47.10	50.38a	-0.21	4.41
Far East	42.72	45.45e	+0.36	0.05
Nth Amer	42.33	45.03e	+0.71	1.59
Global	59.70	63.51	+0.82	1.54
European	64.89	69.03	+0.88	0.78
Japan	125.9	133.9	+1.4	0.01
Strategic Opp	50.46	53.97	+0.07	1.34
Do Acc	53.25	56.65e	..	5.43
Intl Currency	45.44	48.15e	+0.29	6.23
CAPABILITY TRUST MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Am & Gen	85.01	91.29	+1.52	1.24
Do Acc	90.13	96.26	+1.28	1.24
European	82.20	87.98	+0.92	0.86
Do Acc	86.09	89.25	+0.95	0.86
F East/Gen	72.86	77.51	+1.20	0.00
Do Acc	72.86	77.51	+1.20	0.00
Glenfriars	263.7	288.1	+0.4	2.22
Do Acc	280.9	283.0	-1.0	2.22
Growth	232.2	250.3	-0.4	3.60
Do Acc	389.2	417.2	-0.8	3.60
Inc & Gth Inc	313.6	333.4	-0.3	3.08
Do Acc	367.1	379.9	-0.4	3.08
Master Portf	284.74	87.81e	+0.56	2.37
Do Acc	230.34	93.62e	+0.62	2.37
Spec Sits	80.90	84.75	-0.15	3.81
Do Acc	84.48	88.60	-0.15	3.81
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Tel: 01-626 0666 01-929 5353				
Amer Index	145.1	154.8	+1.8	1.54
Capital	449.2	479.8e	+1.1	4.25
Euro Index	124.0	131.2	+1.8	1.85
Euro S S	73.53	81.03	+0.80	1.71
Far East S S	75.57	80.75	+0.89	0.89
Gold Gen S S	72.82	78.85	+0.43	4.44
Income	400.0	428.9e	+1.0	5.59
Intl Sp Sits	67.43	71.95	+0.70	1.49
Jap Index	102.6	108.5	+2.2	0.00
N Amer	322.3	343.9	+8.9	1.89
Tiger Index	98.51	105.2	+0.10	1.71
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 18 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 01-588 5700				
Euro Port	53.62	58.55	+0.49	1.59
Portf	58.62	65.02	+0.20	2.59
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Inv		512.25	..	4.96
Fixed Int		136.45	..	10.48
Deposit		100.0	..	15.65
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income		426.94 ●	..	5.23
Acc		£16.5795	..	..
Deposit		100.0	..	15.00
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MANAGERS [illegible] Tel: 01-726 7720				
SC Spec Sits	56.19	59.46	..	6.30
CHINA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 3, Trump Street, EC2V 8AR Tel: 01-726 6871				
Euro Gth	92.21	95.43e	+0.89	1.34
1992 Euro Spc	91.45	93.72	+0.53	0.94
Intl Inc	59.57	63.60c	+0.20	3.57
N Am Sits	58.11	60.01	+0.21	1.65
Pacific Gth	79.92	85.40e	+0.93	3.27
UK Gth Acc	77.97	83.28	+0.04	3.42
Do Dist	72.29	77.30	+0.03	3.42
UK Income	62.40	65.74	+0.22	6.47
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Am Growth	27.78	29.65	+0.31	0.30
Alter Gth	28.65	30.65e	+0.38	0.54
Dragon Gth	37.08	39.45	+0.24	1.17
Equity HI Inc	60.40	63.25c	+0.06	5.39
Do Acc	84.45	87.58c	+0.06	5.36
Euro Growth	37.47	39.88e	+0.58	0.87
Genrl Equity	54.55	57.80	-0.12	3.12
Intl Inc	25.57	27.20e	+0.20	5.85
Jap Growth	60.44	64.30	+0.85	0.80
Pedigree Gth	29.94	32.57	-0.08	2.82
Retire Inc	22.05	23.48e	+0.01	7.01
Do Acc	22.05	24.45e	+0.01	7.01
Spec Sits	33.35	36.25	+0.47	2.48
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-626 5010				
Am Gth	71.45	75.99	..	2.05
Euro Gth	77.95	82.95e	..	0.18
Far East	95.19	101.2	..	0.00
Germany Inc	35.89	38.18	..	2.18
Do Acc	36.47	38.80	..	2.18
Gilt/Fxd Int	44.85	47.66	..	7.37
Inc	62.00	65.96e	..	3.94
Do Acc	68.15	72.50c	..	3.94
Jap Gwth	50.17	53.37	..	0.50
Monthly Inc	45.45	48.39e	..	10.00
Private Inv Pt	50.22	53.43e	..	5.43
Protect Inv Pt	57.62	61.19e	..	2.33
Prog Inv Pt	54.15	57.61e	..	2.71
UK/Gen Inc	63.15	67.15c	+0.08	2.88
Do Acc	67.51	71.82e	+0.08	2.88
W'wide Bond	50.79	54.03	..	5.76
W'wide Sp Sits	55.95	59.84	..	0.26
Do accum	57.22	61.20	..	0.26
Cullter Gen Inc	97.81	104.0	..	2.59
Cullter Inc	94.80	100.9	..	5.12
Cullter Intl Acc	116.5	124.0	..	0.92
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer	144.9	155.8	+2.7	0.39
Canadian Gth	29.03	31.22e	+0.31	0.45
Euro	143.0	153.8	+1.1	0.10
Gilt Trust	328.9	340.6	..	8.86
High Inc	358.7	383.8e	-0.6	4.77
Intl Tech	130.2	140.0	+1.4	0.05
Investment	33.23	35.75e	+0.05	0.29
Japanese	343.3	367.2	+4.8	0.00
Man Inc	35.19	37.84	+0.29	1.84
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 585025				
Amer	79.67	84.65e	+0.87	1.13
Capital	133.4	141.7	..	1.41
Convertible	23.29	24.76c	-0.08	7.78
Eurofund	33.96	36.08	+0.46	0.69
Growth/Inc	202.9	215.5	-0.6	3.69
High Dist	157.7	167.6e	-0.3	6.07
Intl	268.5	286.3	+1.8	1.05
Pacific	39.98	42.51e	+0.64	0.71
Reserves	27.46	29.17	+0.12	0.00
Smlr Jap Cos	63.15	66.85	+0.47	0.00
Tokyo	251.9	267.1	+3.4	0.00
Ex Am 2	148.5	162.6	..	1.47
Ex Jap 3	154.8	159.1a	..	0.13
Ex Pacific 4	560.2	575.6	..	0.18
Ex Smlr Jap 4	509.7	523.7	..	0.07
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	92.21	98.10e	+0.39	2.55
Do Acc	98.79	105.1e	+0.39	2.55
UK Gth Accum	141.5	149.5	+0.5	2.43
UK High Inc	103.6	110.2e	+0.6	6.32
N Amer Acc	80.94	86.11	+0.80	0.82
Far East Acc	158.6	168.6	+3.0	0.46
Euro Acc	115.7	123.1	+2.8	0.64
UK Gilt/FI Inc	63.95	66.67e	+0.06	9.16
Do Acc	67.59	70.06e	+0.06	9.16
Intl Sp S Acc	47.98	51.04	+0.71	1.31
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 81, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JU Tel: 01 373 7391				
Endurance	148.2	155.5	..	2.32
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Equitable Pelican	103.2	108.6	-0.04	4.19
Higher Inc	105.0	110.9e	-0.11	5.74
Gilt/Fxd Interest	48.21	51.30	+0.01	9.40
T Of Inv Ts	114.2	120.8	+0.52	2.12
Spec Sits	105.1	111.7	-0.11	2.25
N Am	79.12	83.26	+0.30	1.08
Far East	195.4	205.5	+0.26	0.65
Intl Gth	81.40	85.68	+0.20	1.33
Euro	88.84	93.51	+0.58	1.50
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	214.0	227.7e	-0.4	3.89
Do Inc	169.2	180.0e	-0.3	3.89
Higher Inc Acc	398.3	421.7e	-1.0	5.20
Do Inc	281.9	299.9e	[illegible]	5.20
Gilt/Fxd Acc	116.5	123.0	-0.7	9.17
Do Inc	78.57	82.50	-0.45	9.17
N American	160.1	170.4e	+2.1	0.04
Far East	278.8	297.7e	+5.0	0.02
Europe	234.8	249.8	+4.5	0.32
Genl	314.5	334.6	+0.1	3.85
Sr Excellence	45.25	48.21e	-0.18	3.25
Br Fixeds Inc	53.64	57.07	-0.07	9.22
Do Acc	59.36	62.09	-0.08	8.72
Global Opps	80.60	87.57e	+0.75	0.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL Adepta 5 Rayleigh Road Hutton, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
US Smlr Cos	108.8	116.1e	+1.2	0.29
UK Inc Fund	100.0	107.0	-0.5	5.00
Far East	129.9	139.9	+1.9	0.00
O'seas Income	72.89	77.91c	+0.95	3.77
Fixed Interest	52.67	55.10e	-0.05	9.89
Natrl Res	77.45	82.83	+1.12	1.41
Euro Income	91.19	97.45	+1.14	2.39
Flexdeals	58.94	60.80	+0.87	2.09
Intl Tech	121.0	129.4	+0.5	0.35
UK Growth	79.63	80.57	-0.02	1.32
US Major	83.71	87.92e	+0.90	0.55
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	75.73	80.56	+0.04	1.90
Do Inc	72.75	77.39	+0.06	1.90
High Yield Acc	33.91	36.08	+0.10	4.85
Do Inc	28.91	30.75	+0.09	4.85
Inc Gth Acc	58.73	62.45c	-0.03	3.36
Do Inc	47.1	50.1c	..	3.36
Smlr Cos Acc	70.59	75.09e	+0.10	0.81
Do Inc	68.57	72.95e	+0.10	0.81
Am Gth Acc	31.85	33.87	+0.45	0.77
Do Inc	31.09	33.08	+0.45	0.77
Euro Gth Acc	29.19	30.98	+0.31	0.61
Do Inc	27.75	29.52	+0.31	0.61
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	153.7	162.9e	+0.2	0.00
Am Equity Inc	34.09	35.81e	+0.46	3.36
Am Spec Sits	66.32	70.21	+0.85	0.00
Australia	26.94	28.67	-0.11	0.07
European	112.5	118.6	+1.5	..
Euro Inc	29.95	31.87	+0.40	2.90
Global Conv	23.25	24.87	+0.04	4.49
Far East Inc	42.45	44.97e	+0.22	2.18
Gilt/Fxd Interest	26.80	28.84e	+0.01	9.71
Growth/Inc	128.5	136.7c	-0.4	4.36
Jap Spec Sits	114.1	121.2	+1.2	..
Japan	214.5	228.0	+3.0	..
Managed Intl	177.2	188.5	+2.0	0.00
Inc Plus	118.9	121.1c	-0.1	4.48
Famous Names	46.49	49.80	+0.11	0.35
SE Asia	64.28	68.75	+0.02	0.00
Spec Sits	347.4	372.6	+0.2	0.00
East Opps	36.30	38.84	+0.49	0.00
Intl Bond	27.89	29.24e	+0.27	6.14
Recov	36.98	38.19	-0.05	0.81
Moneybuilder	34.36	36.85	+0.19	0.80
Euro Opps 1992	38.38	41.29	+0.44	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Am Smlr Cos	237.7	251.5	+2.6	..
Do Acc	242.8	256.9	+2.6	..
Am Trnd Inc	276.7	292.7	+3.8	..
Do Acc	287.0	303.8	+3.9	..
Capital Inc	263.9	279.2	-0.1	2.71
Do Acc	338.5	358.0	-0.2	2.71
Conv Inc	113.4	119.9	-0.3	5.61
Do Acc	169.4	179.2	-0.7	5.61
Euro Inc	94.21	99.69	+2.10	0.65
Do Acc	95.54	101.1	+2.15	0.66
Extra Inc Inc	265.2	280.8	..	5.44
Do Acc	318.4	336.4	..	5.44
Financial Acc	68.97	72.98e	+1.04	0.55
Do Inc	67.87	71.81e	+1.03	0.55
Inc Trust	173.2	183.2e	-0.3	5.60
Do Acc	206.0	217.9e	-0.4	5.60
Intl Gth	195.5	206.8e	+1.9	..
Do Acc	217.1	229.7e	+2.2	..
Jap & Gen Inc	181.9	192.4	+2.7	..
Do Acc	183.7	194.3	+2.7	..
Monthly Inc	132.0	139.6e	+0.3	5.56
PEP 87		94.45	+1.06	3.62
PEP 88		57.83	●+0.17	3.94
Recov	206.3	218.3	+1.8	1.59
Do Acc	230.8	244.2	+2.1	1.59
Smlr Inc	51.92	54.94	-0.19	3.48
Do Acc	53.98	57.10	-0.20	3.48
Chend Gth Inc	49.18	52.88	-0.04	1.00
Do Acc	48.16	50.86	-0.04	1.00
Chend Inc Inc	50.77	52.53	-0.03	10.00
Do Acc	50.77	52.53	-0.03	10.00
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	270.0	288.9e	+0.20	3.02
Do Acc	501.3	533.1e	+0.34	3.02
Euro Gth Dist	93.65	101.9	+1.93	0.55
Do Acc	96.77	102.9	+1.95	0.55
Fixed Int Dist	113.2	118.6e	+0.01	8.73
Do Acc	159.0	165.0e	+0.01	8.73
Intl Gth Dist	75.18	79.98c	+1.01	0.59
Do Acc	79.01	80.88e	+1.47	0.59
N Am Dist	152.1	161.5	+2.45	0.88
Do Acc	169.0	181.2	+2.75	0.88
Pac Basin Dist	239.9	253.0	+3.22	0.15
Do Acc	238.8	254.2	+3.23	0.15
Stewd Dist	250.0	265.0e	-0.31	2.21
Do Acc	272.5	288.9e	-0.33	2.21
Stewd Inc Dist	58.95	62.60e	-0.07	4.84
Do Acc	62.94	66.85e	-0.08	4.84
NAm Stewd Dist	67.73	71.95	+0.87	0.92
Do Acc	69.60	73.97	+0.89	0.92
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	82.96	88.73	+1.15	0.00
UK Cap Inc	140.5	150.5	-0.4	2.32
Do Acc	216.5	231.7	-0.3	2.32
Do Spec Sits	85.01	89.15	+0.17	0.99
Inc Fund	105.4	112.8	-0.1	6.04
Intl	207.2	221.7	+1.1	0.10
US/Genl	81.7	86.9	+0.8	0.57
Jap & Genl	462.4	494.0	+5.8	0.00
Far East/Gen	207.2	221.7e	+3.3	0.00
Euro	378.9	405.3	+5.4	0.00
Germany	80.58	86.31	+1.39	0.27
Intl Inc	80.95	84.75e	+0.24	5.03
W'wld Spec Sit	78.02	83.45	+0.76	0.49
Global Prp Inc	68.86	68.71	-0.02	1.78
Do Acc	60.27	64.46	+0.33	1.78
Smlr Cos Div	..	..	..	..
Smlr Cos Div	..	..	..	..
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	28.66	30.94	-0.05	2.76
Pract Inv Inc	93.29	99.49	-0.08	2.86
Do Acc	160.7	172.4	-0.11	2.86
UK Sel Opps	93.79	100.5	+1.29	2.22
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	61.84	65.93e	..	6.57
Fxd Interest	27.64	29.45e	-0.02	9.64
High Inc	31.45	33.87e	-0.04	6.46
Income	106.4	114.1	+0.25	4.12
Intl Fxd Inc	23.85	25.11	+0.10	7.05
UK Sml Cos	103.6	111.1e	+0.53	1.18
International Trusts				
Intl Res	75.13	80.67	+0.50	1.84
Frontier Mkts	38.54	40.96	+0.48	0.00
Global	200.5	213.6e	+2.01	0.36
Do Dist	189.2	201.6e	+1.87	0.35
Glob Ins Gth	85.85	91.33e	+0.52	0.80
Gold Shares	19.10	20.48e	+0.25	1.79
Intl Sel Opps	145.0	155.1	+1.30	1.25
W'wide Recov	105.5	112.8	+0.77	1.81
Overseas Trusts				
American	89.25	95.40	+1.10	1.02
Am Sel Opp	37.43	39.94	+0.40	1.65
Australian	17.42	18.56	+0.09	2.25
European	66.01	70.23	+0.84	0.65
Euro Sel Opp	88.52	94.14	+1.25	0.00
Far East	162.0	172.2	+2.87	0.00
Hedged Am	40.79	43.38e	+0.20	0.50
Hong Kong	38.36	40.98	-0.05	2.56
Japan	188.2	200.0	+2.58	0.00
Jap S/Opp	95.73	100.8e	+0.41	0.00
Pacific Gth	78.76	84.84e	+0.73	0.35
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979				
Intl Gth	119.2	127.5e	+1.32	0.81
Amer Growth	83.88	89.22	-0.32	0.60
Amer Inc	76.37	83.81	+0.77	4.61
Euro Growth	65.66	70.58a	+0.84	1.17
Gold/Min	52.22	55.54	+1.25	0.59
Jap Growth	80.81	86.90e	+1.21	..
Pacific Inc	120.8	129.9	+1.48	2.52
Pacific Strat	72.70	77.75	+0.94	0.41
UK Prog Inc	79.04	84.28c	-0.23	5.32
UK Spec Opps	166.1	176.8	-0.85	2.02
Gt Britain	45.79	48.60	-0.31	1.96
UK Smlr Co.	48.07	49.38a	-0.15	2.88
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 01-538 8866				
Gilt/Fxd Interest	107.2	112.9	-0.8	9.92
Gth Equity	273.6	288.5e	-0.6	2.37
Guardhill	388.3	410.8	-0.9	2.12
Inc Tst	110.3	116.7	-0.1	3.20
Intl	144.5	162.6	+1.7	0.44
N Amer	174.2	184.3e	+2.1	1.21
Pacific	382.4	383.4e	+3.7	0.00
Prop Share	291.5	308.4	-4.8	3.27
Smlr Cos	275.8	291.8e	-0.3	2.21
Euro	337.2	358.5c	+4.0	0.78
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ Tel: 01-623 9333				
Global Gth	56.63	60.59e	+0.58	0.73
High Inc	87.93	94.09e	-0.01	8.32
N Am	145.6	155.8	+1.3	0.49
Pacific Gth	62.92	67.32e	+0.83	0.40
Recov	327.7	350.6e	+0.4	1.39
St Vin Inc	112.9	115.7	+0.2	6.03
St Vin US Gth	62.03	64.51	+0.94	0.19
TB Sm Cos	254.8	268.5	..	3.80
TBUSF	149.3	161.4e	..	3.65
Euro Gth Tst	68.29	73.07	+1.10	0.80
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Amer Equity	69.10	73.27e	+0.45	0.09
Canadian	56.19	59.62e	+0.64	0.87
Equity Inc	113.0	120.2e	-0.2	5.53
Euro	119.2	126.4	+1.8	0.58
High Inc	57.90	61.45	+0.15	6.88
Jap & Far East	158.4	168.1e	+1.9	0.01
N Am	83.42	88.63e	+1.32	0.73
Recov/Asset	63.41	67.28	-0.10	2.20
Scandinavian	106.2	112.7	+0.6	0.51
Smlr Cos	32.47	34.54e	-0.08	2.52
UK New Genrn	40.54	43.13	-0.09	1.76
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: 0277 261010				
Am Recov	125.0	133.2e	+1.82	1.14
Am Smlr Cos	63.17	68.74	+0.42	0.00
Australian	128.2	135.4	+0.55	3.68
Capital Gth Inc	69.82	74.74	-0.66	4.15
Do Acc	85.86	91.32	-0.87	4.18
European	341.4	363.3e	+5.03	0.23
Euro Inc	62.95	68.07	+0.77	2.49
Euro Smlr Cos	125.8	134.7e	+2.20	0.00
Extra Inc	240.6	257.0c	-1.01	7.08
Financial	185.5	197.2e	+0.79	3.01
Fixed Interest	48.04	52.27c	-0.42	10.35
Global Inc/Gth	69.51	74.41	+0.25	4.27
Global Reserves	84.06	90.02	+1.55	1.52
High Inc	241.7	257.1e	-1.04	4.75
Hong Kong	68.47	73.04	+0.03	2.73
Income/Gth Inc	198.2	209.3e	-1.40	4.78
Do Acc	421.1	451.6e	-3.02	4.75
Inc Assets	141.5	152.2	..	5.68
Intl	211.2	224.8	+2.72	0.05
Jap Spec Sits	258.7	275.4	+3.03	0.00
Japan	258.7	275.5	+4.87	0.00
Nth Amer	172.9	183.9	+2.18	1.41
Pac Smlr Cos	139.2	148.0	+1.80	0.74
Pension Man	50.76	54.04e	-0.65	10.71
Pref/Gilt	145.1	157.3	+0.93	4.69
Recov	88.25	93.04	+0.13	0.27
Singap Malay	159.7	170.0	-0.53	6.11
Smlr Cos Div	197.1	212.8	-0.88	1.50
Spec Sits Inc	250.4	268.8	-1.35	1.20
Euro Exempt	147.4	153.8	+2.49	1.10
Glo Tec Exempt	72.16	75.54e	+0.54	0.52
HI Inc Exempt	170.4	176.6e	[illegible]	5.15
Jap Exempt	223.8	234.7	+4.47	0.00
N Am Exempt	114.1	118.1e	+1.72	1.87
Pacific Exempt	235.8	244.9e	+2.37	1.38
Smlr Co Expt	172.7	180.8e	-0.19	2.43
Best of British	42.71	45.70e	-0.13	4.32
Spirit Of East	48.20	51.43	+0.55	2.42
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British	69.14	73.84e	-0.13	2.76
Capital	123.2	134.8	+0.2	1.85
Dollar	235.5	251.8e	+2.7	0.42
Euro	168.1	179.7	+3.0	0.29
Far East	185.5	192.8	+1.5	0.00
Financial	477.3	511.1	+0.8	2.31
G/F Intrst Inc	24.78	25.74	+0.06	8.60
High Yield	88.55	94.75e	-0.17	5.18
Inc Trust	111.9	119.8e	..	3.62
Intl	174.5	186.6	+1.5	0.54
Jap Tech	72.45	77.48	+0.34	0.00
Natrl Resrces	82.47	88.61	+0.79	1.60
Security	234.6	250.9	-0.4	1.97
Smlr Cos	109.8	117.5	..	1.49
Spec Sits	133.4	142.6	+0.4	1.83
US Smlr Cos	34.72	37.13	+0.47	0.00
IBI FUND MANAGERS 38, Queen Street London EC4 1BN Tel: 01-236 4210				
Brit/Overs	170.0	179.8e	+0.4	1.64
Inc Plus	78.17	82.71e	..	8.82
Cap Gth	85.99	90.88e	..	3.40
Invest Trst	112.5	119.1e	..	0.79
KEY FUND MANAGERS 36, Fountain Street Manchester M2 2AF Tel: 061 236 5362				
Equity/Gen	58.23	61.94	-0.13	1.55
Gilt/Fxd Interest	68.87	72.65	-0.01	8.15
Higher Inc	149.6	162.3	-0.4	5.01
Income	86.97	93.01c	-0.29	3.51
Intl	79.61	85.80e	+0.77	0.27
Smlr Cos	58.42	59.86	-0.05	0.77
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealing: 0800 010333				
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	48.50	52.68a	-0.02	8.03
Do Acc	55.51	59.68	-0.02	8.03
Gilt Yield Inc	105.1	112.0e	-0.4	8.45
Do Acc	228.4	238.1	-0.9	8.45
Global Inc	171.5	182.4e	+1.3	3.87
Do Acc	323.1	343.7	+2.3	3.87
High Yield Inc	118.0	125.4e	..	5.04
Do Acc	263.4	282.9e	..	5.04
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	66.13	70.36	+0.44	0.00
Do Acc	68.14	72.49	+0.46	0.00
N Amer	63.51	67.68	+0.40	1.32
Do Acc	75.69	80.73	+0.48	1.32
Euro Inc	120.1	127.4	+1.8	1.49
Do Acc	151.8	161.2	+2.3	1.49
Euro Spec Inc	90.02	95.83	+1.24	1.27
Do Acc	91.24	96.92	+1.25	1.27
FD Invest Tst	27.82	29.80	-0.08	2.47
Do Acc	37.88	40.24	-0.12	2.47
Genl Inc	232.6	247.4	+8.1	3.09
Do Acc	339.2	360.8	+4.4	3.09
Intl Recov	147.9	157.3e	+0.9	1.30
Do Acc	162.5	172.9e	+1.1	1.30
Jap Inc	511.3	542.4	+8.3	0.00
Do Acc	517.8	549.4	+8.3	0.00
Jap Spec	224.7	238.4	+2.2	0.00
Do Acc	228.8	238.5	+2.3	0.00
Master Acc	202.5	215.5	+2.1	1.03
Pacific Inc	240.1	255.4	+1.9	0.33
Do Acc	275.3	292.9	+2.1	0.33
Smlr Cos Inc	108.2	113.0e	..	1.84
Do Acc	131.2	139.6	..	1.84
UK Equity Gth	31.52	33.64	-0.03	1.66
Do Acc	54.04	57.49	-0.05	1.66
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 63, George Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4805				
European	58.82	60.45	+1.18	0.00
Extra Inc	22.04	23.48	-0.08	7.24
Far East	26.87	28.59	+0.40	0.00
Income/Gth	56.38	59.96	-0.04	6.28
Intl Gth	42.19	44.88	+0.32	2.31
Japan	67.66	72.00	+1.04	0.00
N Am Equity	31.4	33.4e	+0.4	0.50
UK Equity	81.45	86.37e	+0.01	2.99
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261010				
Equity Dist	332.3	353.5	-0.4	3.74
Do Acc	566.7	602.8	-0.7	3.74
Do Inc	81.55	86.75	-0.10	5.71
European	87.89	93.29	+1.33	0.89
Far East	178.1	189.5	+2.1	0.01
Fixed Interest	44.72	47.57e	+0.23	8.22
Gilt	78.60	83.07e	-0.03	8.29
Global Gth	62.51	66.50e	+0.55	0.12
Intl Bond	48.44	51.58	+0.46	5.03
Japanese	83.40	88.72e	+1.26	0.01
O'seas Equity	107.2	114.0e	+1.8	0.59
Natrl Res	119.4	127.0	+1.3	2.15
N Amer	99.5	105.0	+1.0	1.37
UK Recov	53.60	57.02e	+0.30	4.56
UK Spec Sits	90.17	95.98	..	2.79
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten House Chatham ME4 4JF Tel: [illegible]				
Balanced	236.9	251.5e	-0.31	3.28
Do Acc	467.7	492.3e	-0.61	3.28
Conti Euro Gth	47.37	49.88e	+0.65	0.67
Do Acc	48.25	50.89e	+0.67	0.67
Energy Intl	70.59	75.46	+1.06	1.55
Do Acc	83.67	89.23	+1.25	1.55
Extra Inc	202.5	215.3e	-0.41	5.82
Do Acc	423.5	445.8e	-0.86	5.82
German Gth	93.72	99.39e	+2.17	0.25
Do Acc	91.25	99.09e	+2.25	0.25
Income	384.3	405.2e	-0.40	4.58
Do Acc	883.4	938.2e	-0.83	4.58
Intl Tech	233.9	248.2e	+2.44	0.57
Do Acc	247.9	261.0e	+2.58	0.57
Jap Growth	140.9	148.9	+2.03	0.01
Do Acc	141.4	150.4	+2.03	0.01
Mastertrust Inc	48.13	51.72	+0.38	1.06
Do Acc	50.82	53.48	+0.38	1.06
N Am & Gen	143.8	152.7	+1.54	1.34
Do Acc	161.3	171.6	+1.73	1.34
NAm SC Rec	79.92	84.11	+0.94	0.01
Do Acc	80.23	84.58	+0.93	0.01
Pacific Basin	211.9	225.4	+1.53	0.61
Do Acc	222.1	236.2	+1.60	0.61
Smlr Cos/Rec	267.0	281.0e	-0.65	2.85
Do Acc	317.4	334.1e	-1.13	2.85
UK Gth Fund	83.84	87.31	-0.12	2.63
Do Acc	67.47	71.02	-0.13	2.63
W'wide Growth	258.4	272.0e	+1.87	0.71
Do Acc	359.9	380.6e	+2.63	0.71
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282373				
Genl	55.65	59.79e	-0.04	3.30
Inc Trust	50.25	53.62	+0.05	5.80
Intl	48.14	49.51	+0.45	2.10
American	41.05	44.04e	+0.53	1.20
Japan	59.38	63.89	+0.94	0.00
Trst Of Invst	45.38	48.07e	+0.10	1.90
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 01-626 4588 Dealing: 0245 266266				
Am & Gen Inc	280.6	298.7	+2.9	1.28
Do Acc	339.0	358.5	+3.4	1.28
Am Recov	308.8	327.6e	+2.5	0.88
Do Acc	347.8	367.0e	+2.7	0.88
Am Sm Co Acc	68.1	72.9	+0.3	0.00
Australia Acc	143.8	152.2	+0.1	1.35
Commod Acc	407.6	430.9	+4.7	1.58
Compound Gth	613.2	648.5	+1.7	4.20
Conversion Gth	330.0	350.8	+1.8	4.55
Do Inc	272.7	288.1	+0.5	6.48
Dividend Inc	684.4	723.6e	-13.2	5.02
Do Acc	218.62	21.07e	+0.02	5.82
Euro Acc	408.3	428.8	+7.1	0.82
Extra Yield Inc	343.0	362.7	+0.7	5.82
Do Acc	630.1	667.3	+1.5	5.82
Far East Inc	217.4	229.9	+1.4	0.38
Do Acc	274.9	290.7	+1.9	0.38
Of Inv Inc	378.4	402.8e	+1.9	2.54
Do Acc	634.2	678.8	+1.7	2.54
Genrl Income	913.1	965.6	-0.8	4.27
Do Acc	221.02	22.22	-0.02	4.27
Gilt/Fxd Interest	58.4	58.2e	+0.8	9.37
Do Acc	107.3	112.7e	+0.5	9.37
Gold Inc	87.3	86.8	+0.9	1.89
Do Acc	83.7	87.4	+1.0	1.89
High Inc Inc	434.2	460.8	+0.8	6.05
Do Acc	213.91	14.11	+0.00	6.05
Intl Gth Inc	210.88	11.51	+0.11	1.11
Do Acc	218.12	18.16	+0.19	1.11
Intl Inc	72.9	77.1e	+0.8	6.05
Jap Acc	215.49	14.96	+0.17	0.00
Jap Smlr Acc	180.2	189.4	+0.7	0.00
Midland/Gth	970.0	1025.0e	+1.9	4.85
Do Acc	238.72	39.25e	+0.05	4.85
Recov Inc	619.1	651.6	+1.4	4.44
Do Acc	659.1	693.5	+1.8	4.44
2nd Gen Inc	957.7	1012.8	..	4.20
Do Acc	220.44	21.82	-0.00	4.36
Smlr Cos Inc	210.45	11.08	+0.01	3.60
Do Acc	217.60	18.61	+0.02	3.60
Trustee Inc	611.1	646.2e	+0.1	3.17
Charibd Inc 3		98.7	● +0.4	11.45
Charitd Inc 2	582.5	598.5e	+1.4	6.45
Pension Ex 1	[illegible]	783.3e	-1.2	4.88
NAACIF Inc 3		41.7	● ..	6.37
Do Acc 3		664.6	● ..	6.37
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 01-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733 (Intermediary) 0800 010333 (Public)				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smlr Cos	26.29	28.67e	-0.02	2.78
Gth Gth	64.12	68.56	-0.05	6.19
Spec Features	24.82	26.38a	-0.03	1.76
Do Acc	26.61	28.27e	-0.03	1.64
General Funds				
UK Growth	41.51	44.10e	-0.21	3.01
Asset/Earn Ib	59.07	62.78	-0.14	2.56
Do Acc	62.31	66.20	-0.15	2.43
Managed Inv	77.89	83.09	+0.82	1.73
Rupert Child	58.09	59.95	-0.16	2.58
High Income Funds				
Extra Inc	77.31	82.14	-0.08	5.82
Gilt	24.41	25.74	-0.05	8.93
Inc/Gth	32.01	34.30a	-0.03	4.20
Pref Shares	18.65	19.81e	-0.09	8.88
UK Income	265.8	275.3	+0.3	4.41
Sector Specialist Funds				
Financial Secs	46.30	49.19e	+0.12	1.87
Gold	53.8	57.7e	+0.6	0.57
Do Acc	56.50	60.59e	+0.64	0.54
Intl Leisure	22.78	24.20e	+0.10	0.00
Prop Shares	69.13	73.45	-0.43	2.05
World Tech	51.09	54.27	+0.89	0.00
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	114.9	121.4e	..	4.43
Euro Expt Acc	101.7	109.1	+1.9	0.81
Euro Expt Inc	98.75	107.1	+1.75	0.82
Overseas Growth Funds				
Amer Growth	39.02	41.53e	+0.44	1.36
Australian Gth	47.79	51.05	+0.14	1.92
Euro Perf	105.3	113.0	+2.2	0.22
Do Acc	108.6	114.4	+2.2	0.22
Euro Smlr Cos	20.55	22.06e	+0.33	0.00
Far East	103.3	109.7	+0.9	0.07
French Gth	55.30	58.34	+1.09	0.59
Do Acc	56.04	60.14	+1.11	0.57
HK/China	28.70	30.69	-0.17	2.13
Intl Gth	47.29	50.24e	+0.54	1.23
Jap Perf Dis	47.94	51.05a	+0.57	0.00
Jap Perf Acc	47.94	51.05a	+0.57	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	38.67	42.24	+0.54	0.00
Sing/ASEAN	53.10	56.59	+0.81	0.00
Do Acc	53.17	57.06	+0.82	0.00
SE Asia	134.8	143.2	+1.1	0.51
US Sml Co	83.51	88.72	+1.00	0.00
Do Acc	84.40	88.67	+1.02	0.00
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	74.81	80.34a	+0.87	3.04
Intl Bond	49.18	51.90	+0.33	8.22
US Income	58.39	62.34	+0.28	3.39
Do Acc	68.87	74.61	+0.32	3.10
MEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gth	88.83	88.37e	-0.22	9.17
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751				
Amer	37.63	40.02	+0.51	1.96
Emerg	37.52	39.92	+0.37	0.66
Genrl	41.41	44.05c	-0.18	3.72
Intl	69.38	73.79	+0.80	1.35
Gilt Unit	23.54	24.27e	-0.17	9.38
Inc/Gth	64.45	68.55e	-0.01	4.47
Euro	47.27	50.29	+0.63	1.42
Safety 1st	24.86	26.45c	-0.10	7.44
UK Smlr Cos	22.18	23.60	+0.10	2.26
MARKS & SPENCERS UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410 Chester X CH99 9QQ Tel: 0244 680066				
Inv Port Acc	112.4	120.2	+0.5	2.52
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUST LTD 46, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF Tel: 031-226 4372				
Far East	123.3	130.8	+1.1	0.32
Inc Fund	57.99	61.56e	+0.04	4.83
European	61.02	64.77	+0.63	0.91
N Amer	39.34	41.76	+0.51	1.26
Gth/Rec	49.68	52.73e	-1.95	3.27
Intl Gth	61.47	65.25a	+0.50	0.77
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 01-280 2860				
Am Growth	134.1	143.1e	+1.7	0.00
Do Acc	143.1	152.6e	+1.8	0.00
Am Income	49.22	52.40	+0.63	2.94
Do Acc	62.65	66.67	+0.80	2.94
Euro Growth	177.0	188.8	+2.5	0.09
Do Acc	187.9	200.4	+2.5	0.09
General	349.0	372.3	+0.4	2.49
Do Acc	607.9	648.4	-0.7	2.49
Gilt/Fixed	82.38	85.75e	-0.19	7.99
Do Acc	114.3	120.4c	-0.3	7.99
Income	109.6	117.0e	-0.4	6.44
Do Acc	138.2	147.4e	+0.5	6.44
Intl	336.5	360.6	+4.2	1.66
Do Acc	437.1	465.7	+5.4	1.66
Japan	216.3	230.5	+1.8	0.00
Do Acc	222.0	236.5	+1.8	0.00
Recov	257.9	275.1e	+0.2	3.97
Do Acc	294.9	314.6e	+0.1	3.97
Euro Inc	78.03	83.00	+1.34	3.73
Do Acc	88.39	94.02	+1.51	3.73
Am Smlr Dist	59.43	63.40e	+1.23	0.00
Do Acc	80.26	84.26e	+1.26	0.00
Br Blue Chip Di	52.80	56.32	+0.04	2.12
Do Acc	56.26	60.03	+0.16	2.12
Portf Dist	54.67	58.32	+0.19	3.69
Do Acc	56.34	60.10	+0.20	3.69
Hgn Inc Dist	48.40	51.53e	+0.01	8.65
Do Acc	54.08	57.69e	+0.01	8.65
High Int Dist	40.48	42.95	-0.05	8.44
Do Acc	48.80	51.82	+0.07	8.44
Pacific Dist	62.45	66.62	-0.01	1.56
Do Acc	63.78	68.04	+0.02	1.56
UK Smlr Dist	47.55	50.73	+0.05	2.45
Do Acc	49.77	53.09	+0.05	2.45
Am Sm Cus Eq	56.39	57.84	+0.53	0.07
Do Acc	56.84	58.30	+0.53	0.07
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD Deacon House 102, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 529888				
British Dist	58.65	62.73	-0.12	3.13
Do Acc	59.62	63.76	-0.11	3.13
Capital Income	112.4	120.2	-0.3	2.52
Do Acc	162.6	173.9	-0.5	2.52
Extra High Inc	68.63	73.51	+0.50	7.31
Do Acc	95.56	102.2	..	7.31
Gilt/Fxd Income	49.83	52.04c	-0.35	8.84
Do Acc	102.6	107.2c	-0.7	8.84
High Yield	198.1	211.9e	-0.1	5.24
Do Acc	390.5	418.0e	-0.5	5.74
Income	239.4	256.0	+0.2	4.83
Do Acc	432.6	462.7	+0.3	4.63
Intl High St Dis	58.77	62.86	+0.42	1.55
Do Acc	60.58	64.79	+0.44	1.55
Jap Growth	450.2	481.9	+10.5	0.00
Do Acc	473.2	506.5	+11.1	0.00
Mandarin	65.90	70.48	+0.51	0.69
N Amer Inc	132.3	141.5e	+2.1	0.42
Do Acc	163.3	174.7e	+2.5	0.42
Euro Gth Inc	147.0	156.7e	+2.2	0.85
Do Acc	181.3	193.2e	+2.8	0.85
Managed Portl	74.56	79.74	+0.64	2.05
Meridian Gth	120.9	129.3	+0.5	2.13
Meridian Inc	109.3	116.9	+1.0	3.92
Smlr Cos Inc	163.5	184.2	+0.1	1.74
Do Acc	170.9	182.6	+0.2	1.74
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 46, New Broad Street, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 01-826 0826				
Amer Gth	143.0	153.0	+2.6	1.65
Euro Gth	209.4	222.8c	+3.1	0.00
Intl Gth	172.3	183.3e	+2.3	0.00
Jap Trckr	102.8	109.8e	+2.2	0.00
UK Equity Inc	112.8	120.1e	-0.1	4.84
UK Eq In Acc	119.3	127.0e	-0.1	4.84
UK Eq In Trckr	111.5	118.0	..	3.51
US Eq In Trckr	143.1	151.5	+1.9	2.41
Do Acc	144.5	153.1	+2.0	2.41
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090533				
Amer Inc	132.3	140.5	+0.7	4.30
European	59.79	63.39a	+0.75	1.24
Far East	129.3	137.6	+1.4	0.63
Olympiad	53.86	57.44	+0.58	0.59
Olympiad Inc	42.54	45.37e	+0.43	5.52
Smlr Cos	59.34	63.34a	+0.12	3.74
UK Equity Inc	80.49	85.92c	+0.29	5.43
UK Growth	64.52	68.87	+0.31	1.65
N M UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth Tel: Enquiries 0705 372222 Dealings 0705 367730				
Amer Acc	34.95	37.29e	+0.85	1.44
Australia Acc	213.2	228.7	+0.8	1.74
Conscience Inc	50.76	54.18c	+0.14	1.44
Do Acc	52.02	55.51c	+0.14	1.44
Euro Inc	149.7	159.8e	+2.5	0.98
Do Acc	157.4	167.8e	+2.7	0.98
Extra Inc	68.63	73.24e	-0.06	7.02
Extra Inc Acc	85.19	90.81e	-0.07	7.02
F East Gth Acc	153.0	163.5c	+1.4	0.16
Gilt/Fxd Income	50.48	53.44	-0.27	9.36
Gold Inc	46.91	50.44e	+0.47	0.00
Do Acc	50.21	53.98e	+0.52	0.00
Inc	48.18	52.45e	-0.02	5.60
Do Acc	123.0	131.2e	-0.1	5.60
Intl Inc	30.77	33.01e	+0.44	0.33
Do Acc	43.45	46.61e	+0.61	0.33
Jap Sm Co Acc	318.8	337.9	+3.8	0.00
Sing Mal Acc	129.3	138.8e	+3.0	0.00
Sm Co Inc Acc	36.07	38.78e	-0.04	1.32
Spec Sits Inc	30.57	32.85e	-0.07	0.80
Do Acc	32.78	35.24e	-0.08	0.80
Tokyo Inc	100.5	107.1e	+0.5	0.00
Do Acc	101.5	108.2e	+0.5	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	58.31	62.38	+0.42	0.00
UK Equity Inc	141.4	150.8	-0.1	3.04
Do Acc	236.9	252.6	-0.1	3.04
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 300 Thorpewood Peterborough PE3 6SD Tel: Dealing 0800 838677 Inquiry 0733 67767				
Gth Trust Inc	114.0	120.7	-0.17	3.03
Do Acc	182.8	192.4	+0.2	3.03
Inc Trust	173.4	184.4	-0.4	4.13
Intl Equity Inc	182.1	193.7	+1.6	1.57
Do Acc	191.5	203.5	+1.7	1.57
Equity Inc	176.2	187.4c	+0.1	2.75
Do Acc	326.8	349.9c	+0.2	2.75
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames Tel: 0491 576868				
Intl Gth	375.2	401.3e	+4.72	1.44
Income	228.8	244.9e	-0.83	4.95
W'wide Rec	218.4	233.5	+2.80	1.65
Am Growth	99.02	105.9	+1.71	1.35
Intl Emerg Cos	98.86	105.7	+1.22	0.92
Far East Grwth	148.7	158.9e	+1.27	2.00
Euro Gth	92.25	98.67e	+1.43	1.10
UK Growth	43.87	46.92	-0.14	2.85
High Inc	55.58	59.45	-0.17	6.80
Jap Gth	156.9	167.4	+1.91	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 Tel: 01-247 7544/7				
Intl	163.8	174.3	+3.5	0.39
High Inc	83.54	89.25e	-0.22	6.01
Conv/Gilt	121.7	130.4e	+3.3	6.81
Far East	276.4	294.7	+2.7	0.01
Nth Amer	165.0	176.5	+2.0	0.01
Spec Sits	107.3	114.8a	+0.3	1.69
Technology	148.7	158.5c	+1.5	0.17
Extra Inc	126.9	135.5	-0.1	5.18
Euro Gth/Inc	55.76	59.72	+0.61	1.63
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 478 3377 LinkLine 0800 010345				
Holb Equity	554.6	587.1e	+0.74	3.93
European	153.2	163.8e	+2.83	0.21
Holb Comms	74.96	80.19	+0.29	0.31
Holb High Inc	76.91	82.35	+0.07	6.80
Holb Intl	131.8	140.7	+1.39	0.79
Japanese	194.0	207.5	+3.51	0.00
N Amer	104.1	111.3e	+1.38	0.25
Holb Spec Sits	90.58	96.85	+0.19	1.92
Holb UK Gth	94.73	101.3	-0.11	2.71
Holb Premier	41.18	43.95e	+0.18	7.10
Holb Smlr Cos	67.39	72.07e	+0.72	1.89
Holb Equity Inc	82.78	88.50e	+0.11	4.97
Holb Intl SC	59.39	63.51	+0.55	0.00
NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR Tel: 01-634 2881/4				
Income	118.7	126.3e	-0.20	4.18
Japan	278.6	298.0	+3.01	0.88
Major UK Co	69.02	74.30c	-0.27	2.82
Smlr Aus	68.83	74.08	+0.93	2.68
Amer Inc	343.0	370.6	+3.17	1.12
Do Acc	388.1	419.3	+3.59	1.12
Smlr Cos	198.8	216.6	+0.23	2.47
Smlr Canada	42.10	48.25	+1.29	0.70
Smlr Euro Cos	219.2	236.4c	+2.79	1.60
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT Tel: 01-638 2433 Dealing: 01-638 2631				
UK Sp Sits Inc	72.59	77.46	..	3.03
Do Acc	88.9	95.1	..	0.00
Pacific Basin	197.4	210.0	..	0.43
Finance/Prop	88.44	92.50	..	4.19
Fixed/Conv	41.30	44.19e	..	11.45
Do Acc	84.67	90.50e	..	0.00
Equity Inc	118.7	125.5	..	4.88
Do Acc	311.3	334.7	..	0.00
High Yield Inc	118.0	124.7c	..	8.56
Do Acc	338.4	365.9c	..	0.00
Intl Inc	97.1	103.9	..	2.44
Do Acc	103.4	110.6	..	0.00
Preference Inc	47.53	51.11	..	8.59
Do Acc	186.6	200.6	..	0.00
Smlr Cos	61.07	65.67e	..	2.22
Do Acc	69.40	74.63e	..	0.00
Prem Canada	58.41	59.51	..	0.00
Prem Commod	58.42	68.23	..	1.35
Prem Europe	135.3	143.2	..	0.98
Prem Global	54.09	57.53	..	0.28
Prem Gold	47.68	50.31	..	0.16
Prem Thai Portf	49.84	52.58	..	0.00
Prem HK	40.81	43.84	..	2.68
Prem Jap	148.2	158.2	..	0.00
Prem Sing/M	58.17	61.56	..	0.59
Prem UK	94.2	99.5	..	1.96
Prem US	88.18	94.08	..	1.03
W'wide Alpha	66.78	70.56	..	1.68
Do Acc	66.85	70.17	..	0.00
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966				
Am Inc/Growth	58.66	62.40e	+0.65	7.53
Capital	139.7	149.2a	+1.8	1.06
Commod	87.48	93.06	+1.24	0.85
Euro Growth	139.7	148.8e	+2.0	0.40
Financial Secs	131.0	139.3e	+0.8	2.64
High Return	230.8	245.5	+0.2	5.64
High Yield	211.0	224.4	..	5.07
Inc Units	115.1	122.4	+0.1	8.80
Investment	134.8	143.4e	..	2.10
Jap Growth	182.6	193.3	+2.9	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	205.3	218.4	+0.7	0.00
Masterfund	41.59	44.24c	+0.40	2.41
Scotbits	187.7	199.6	+1.5	2.21
Scotshares	220.8	234.9e	-0.2	2.73
Scotyields	209.5	222.8	-0.1	5.13
Select Intl	113.6	120.8e	+1.5	0.13
Smlr Cos Inc	220.1	234.1	+0.1	6.27
Spec Sits	123.1	130.9	+0.3	0.63
UK Equity	229.4	244.0	+0.1	3.27
US Growth	97.0	103.1	+1.0	0.81
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED 36 Old Jewry, London, ec2r 8bs Tel: Public Dealing [illegible] general enquiries [illegible]				
Enterprise	135.6	144.4	..	2.52
Jap Smlr Cos	308.3	327.9	..	0.00
Pacific Gth	48.67	51.77	..	0.00
Tokyo	102.2	108.7	..	0.00
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150, St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5NQ Tel: 041 204 2200				
Equity Austr	44.08	46.94	..	3.25
Equity Strat	52.49	55.89	..	3.89
Euro Opp	63.46	67.59	+0.79	1.96
UK Smlr Cos	46.97	49.95	-0.02	2.22
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031 225 2211				
Nelson	247.4	264.6	-0.3	3.37
Columbus	186.6	198.5	+2.5	1.19
Marco Polo	290.7	309.6	+3.5	0.48
Da Vinci	329.5	351.3	+4.1	1.81
Drake	75.02	80.24e	+1.10	0.68
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN Tel: 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	242.3	257.8e	-0.3	3.35
UK Sm Cos Eq	221.0	235.2c	..	3.43
European	271.5	288.9e	+4.2	1.44
N Amer	169.9	180.9e	+2.3	1.41
Inc Plus	58.33	62.08	+0.12	6.23
UK Spec Sit	66.32	70.56	+0.22	2.18
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA Tel: 031-556 2341				
Equity Gth Acc	18.74	20.06e	+0.05	4.09
Intl Gth Acc	25.84	27.66a	+0.57	0.60
Global Inc Acc	21.70	23.23e	+0.13	4.90
Mkt Leadr Acc	19.85	21.03e	+0.05	3.85
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ Tel: 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	33.39	35.48	+0.12	2.71
Equity Gth Acc	39.00	41.53	+0.03	2.99
Equity High Inc	35.13	37.33e	+0.06	5.44
Equity Genrl	32.30	34.32	+0.07	3.24
Do Acc	38.92	41.35	+0.07	3.24
G/F Intrst Inc	26.05	27.41e	+0.12	8.62
O'seas Lgr Acc	258.5	275.0	+2.2	1.82
Nth Amer Acc	31.78	33.72	+0.23	1.53
Far East Acc	57.78	61.37	+0.49	0.00
Euro Acc	35.81	38.05	+0.38	1.85
UK Lgr Inc	222.7	241.5	+0.4	4.36
Do Acc	265.8	277.5	+0.5	4.36
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271				
Amer Inc	282.7	301.8e	+2.1	1.49
Do Acc	328.6	348.6e	+2.6	1.49
Australian Inc	196.0	208.7	-0.9	1.39
Do Acc	202.6	216.0	-0.9	1.39
British Inc	831.6	879.8	-1.7	4.85
Do Acc	£12.49	13.21	-0.02	4.85
Euro Inc	378.3	400.7e	+3.0	0.43
Do Acc	398.8	424.7e	+3.2	0.43
Jap Inc	118.1	125.7	+1.3	0.00
Do Acc	119.0	126.7	+1.5	0.00
Saints PPP	267.0	281.1	..	0.00
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: [illegible]				
Equity Acc	547.1	582.0	+7.3	3.30
NAm Acc	75.13	79.93	+1.53	2.30
Far East Acc	131.8	140.0	+1.5	0.00
W'wide Bond	52.35	55.24e	+0.48	6.74
European	69.93	74.35e	+1.48	0.82
Equity Inc	66.80	70.85c	+0.70	5.35
W'wide Tech	50.74	53.98	+0.32	1.39
W'wide Fixd	49.16	52.30	+0.78	2.06
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basing View, Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ Tel: Dealing 0256 841414				
UK Income	36.87	39.15c	-0.02	6.27
Do Gth	32.15	34.20c	-0.03	2.30
W'wide	26.90	28.61c	+0.37	0.84
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE Tel: 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
Amer Inc	139.8	148.7	+2.86	0.37
Do Acc	151.8	161.5	+3.11	0.37
Br Gth Inc	66.34	70.57	+0.05	2.99
Do Acc	70.98	75.50	+0.05	2.99
Euro Inc	77.53	82.47	+1.83	0.31
Do Acc	80.15	85.26	+1.90	0.31
Extra Inc Inc	158.5	168.6	+0.55	5.86
Do Acc	213.7	227.3	+0.74	5.86
Genl Unit Inc	211.2	224.7	+0.11	3.32
Do Acc	376.3	400.4	+0.18	3.32
Inc Trust	295.0	314.9e	-5.12	5.47
Do Acc	524.0	557.5e	+1.34	5.47
Intl	436.7	464.6e	+9.71	0.27
Do Acc	554.9	590.3e	+12.3	0.27
Pacific	308.5	328.2	+8.06	0.00
Do Acc	321.0	341.5	+8.45	0.00
Premier Inc	45.42	47.31e	+0.23	7.81
Do Acc	74.54	77.43e	+0.37	7.81
Natrl Resrces	80.30	85.70e	+2.03	1.07
Do Acc	86.57	92.09e	+2.19	1.07
Selected Opps	87.59	93.18	+0.87	2.29
Do Accum	101.7	108.2	+0.76	2.29
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 394000				
Am Eagle	62.66	66.23c	..	1.18
Australian	8.83	9.44	-0.01	0.85
Equity	153.0	164.5	+0.5	4.21
Euro Spec Sits	120.8	129.7	+1.8	0.59
Convertible	131.2	141.2e	+0.3	6.68
Financial	31.0	33.4a	+0.4	2.60
Global Inc	75.58	81.20e	+0.39	0.88
Do Acc	76.14	81.81e	+0.40	0.88
Gold/Genrl	56.08	60.27e	+0.21	0.00
Do Acc	103.9	111.7e	+0.4	0.00
Income	98.63	106.5c	-0.05	5.38
Jap Gen	179.0	192.7	+1.7	0.00
Pref Share	22.76	24.54e	+0.04	8.69
UK Capital	86.15	92.75	+0.11	2.23
World Cap	180.9	193.1	+0.6	1.59
World Inc	65.45	70.01e	+0.49	4.46
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF Tel: 01-493 7262 Dealing: 01-493 8645				
Am Opp Dist	53.49	57.04	+0.66	0.96
Do Acc	55.04	58.70	+0.70	0.96
Euro Opp Dist	66.02	70.41e	+1.46	0.00
Do Acc	65.64	70.02e	+1.44	0.00
F East Opp Di	143.9	153.5	+1.27	0.00
Do Acc	144.8	154.5	+1.28	0.00
Gold Opp Inc	49.41	52.52	+0.17	2.07
Do Acc	50.82	54.03	+0.17	2.07
Intl Hi Yld Dist	60.59	64.62	+0.20	4.25
Do Acc	64.09	68.35	+0.21	4.25
Sunyo Jap Dist	76.02	81.09	+1.49	0.00
Do Acc	76.02	81.09	+1.49	0.00
Kangaroo Dist	33.12	35.31	+0.04	0.00
Do Acc	33.31	35.52	+0.05	0.00
Orient Inc Dist	38.13	40.66	+0.22	4.90
Do Acc	40.50	43.19	+0.24	4.90
Pac Tech Dist	64.70	68.81	+0.58	0.00
Do Acc	65.23	69.57	+0.57	0.00
Tiger Dist	156.9	167.4	+0.47	0.85
Do Acc	158.4	170.0	+0.49	0.85
UK Hi Yld Dist	41.75	44.52e	-0.10	5.13
Do Acc	47.73	50.90e	-0.11	5.13
UK Opp Dist	52.10	55.72	-0.05	4.88
Do Acc	56.50	60.42	-0.06	4.88
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT Tel: 01-248 1250				
Amer Growth	50.94	54.23	+0.36	0.00
Eur Spec Sit	39.20	41.84	+1.01	0.45
Do Acc	40.06	42.67	+1.03	0.45
Genl Growth	73.54	78.23	-0.03	2.77
Global Tech	70.5	75.2e	+0.5	0.00
Inc Growth	85.20	90.63	+0.15	4.72
Inc Monthly	57.49	61.32e	+0.01	6.01
Jap Growth	103.4	109.8c	+1.2	0.00
Man Equity Inc	31.29	33.28	+2.63	2.13
Do Acc	33.38	35.48	+0.12	2.13
O'seas Gth	70.70	75.49e	+1.34	0.00
Smr Cos	84.04	89.40	+0.55	2.60
Spec Opp	95.56	101.7	+0.40	2.78
WW Spec Sits	36.04	38.54	+0.34	0.00
Do Accum	36.06	38.56	+0.34	0.00
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Uni Charities	186.0	198.4e	-0.4	5.01
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 3 Harbour Exchange London E14 9GJ Tel: 01-665 5065				
Amer	74.30	79.46	+0.51	1.40
Pacific Perf	173.2	185.2	+7.4	0.10
Intl Gth	85.45	91.38	+1.12	1.00
Inc Tst	124.3	132.9e	..	4.70
Jap Gth	259.3	277.4e	+3.2	0.10
Sml Co	128.8	137.7	+0.3	1.40
Technology	35.50	37.96e	+0.02	0.10
Australia	67.67	72.37	+0.10	3.30
UK	170.4	182.2e	+0.5	2.60
Euro Gth	75.19	80.41	+1.14	0.10
Hong Kong	35.19	37.57	-0.15	1.80
Intl Inc	22.35	23.90	+0.11	7.30
Sing Malay	37.12	39.70	+0.68	0.10
Br Wrrs	25.60	27.37	+0.03	1.80
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551				
Aus Gold	17.80	19.00	-0.01	0.00
Pacific Basin	31.49	33.59e	+0.27	0.60
Canadian Gth	50.31	53.52	+0.82	0.10
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Penny Share	28.06	29.85c	-0.06	0.50
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 01-407 4494				
Gth Fund	228.2	240.7e	+2.1	1.33
Inc Fund	136.5	145.3e	+0.3	5.29
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 3132				
Sht Dtd Gilt	51.93	53.11	-0.06	7.17
US Govt Bond	57.74	58.50e	-0.13	0.00
Challenger	51.74	53.39e	+0.40	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331				
Conv/Equity	58.18	61.89e	..	7.61
Income	78.44	81.31	..	5.17
Growth	78.95	83.98	..	1.82
Prop Shares	47.24	50.26	..	1.10
Smr Cos	49.41	52.23e	..	1.85
European	77.54	82.49	..	0.10
Far Eastern	70.72	75.23	..	0.62

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above) a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday (4) Thursday (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
150	86	ASD	85	90	+2	4.4	5.0	5.8
80	46	ATA Selection	63	65	..	3.1	4.7	16.0
23½	13½	Aberdeen Pet	13	15	+½	..	..	..
66	42	Aberdeen Stk Hse	39	44	-1	2.8	4.8	7.8
190	152	Acal	150	155	..	5.4	3.5	9.7
33	19	Acorn Comp	21	24	..	..	..	13.6
80	40	Acsis Group	64	68	..	0.8	1.2	20.4
175	75	Airsprung	88	95	..	7.3	7.8	4.9
185	123	Alan Paul	132	137	●+1	2.4	1.8	18.3
120	87	Alba	99	103	..	5.6	5.5	7.8
181	72½	Allied Inc	129	135	●..	3.3	2.5	25.6
78	45	Ald Restaurants	52	57	..	2.2	4.0	10.8
71	45	Amberley Gp	42	47	..	2.8	4.4	8.3
171	105	Amer Bio Sys	155	160	-2	2.8	1.8	12.2
52	27	Anglo Pac Res	30	32	..	..	..	18.3
31	16	Apollo Watch Prods	15½	17½	..	0.6	3.6	11.6
362	225	App Holographics	275	285	..	..	..	..
331	235	Ashwell	245	255	-2	3.3	1.3	18.6
586	365	Aspen Comms	380	390	-5	8.2b	2.4	12.3
325	158	Aspray	280	310	-10	4.8	1.6	19.4
84	21	Assoc Energy	19	22	..	..	..	..
204	136	Assoc Nursing	168	175	..	2.7	1.6	12.1
99	81	Atlantic Sec	82	87	..	..	..	..
483	286	Atlas Equipment	460	480	●+5	13.3	3.3	17.9
42	10	Audit General	28	30	●-2	1.4	3.7	8.4
118	86	Automagic	88	93	..	8.7	9.9	11.0
53	25	BBB Design	40	45	..	2.3	5.3	10.0
35	9	BCE	17	19	..	0.5	2.8	..
127	59	BLP Group	57	64	●..	5.1	8.4	7.0
95	52	BTS Gp	55	65	..	0.7	1.3	12.6
108	85	BWD	94	97	..	3.3	3.4	15.7
375	185	[illegible]	195	205	..	10.0	5.0	8.4
121	72	Beckenham	80	85	..	4.0	4.8	11.2
125	70	Bedford (William)	65	75	..	1.3	1.8	20.8
153	80	[illegible]	113	118	..	2.5	2.2	14.1
82	53	Berry Birch & Noble	57	57	..	..	..	..
165	127	Better Cons Prods	165	172	..	7.9	4.7	..
181	82½	[illegible]	183	188	-5	5.9	6.8	21.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	32	36	-2	..	..	44.3
59	28	[illegible]	40	42	●..	0.4	1.0	37.8
71	43	Blanchards	65	70	..	..	..	..
200	160	Bletchley Motors	105	110	..	10.9	9.5	9.6
935	580	[illegible]	870	890	..	17.3	2.8	33.3
230	187	Bluebird Toys	206	216	..	8.8	4.2	9.3
68	35	Border TV	50	54	..	2.7	5.2	12.7
763	480	Borland	735	805	+10	..	..	..
136	100	[illegible]	122	127	●..	7.2	5.8	11.1
12½	8½	[illegible]	10	11½	r..	..	..	27.5
240	125	Br Bloodstock	125	135	..	11.7	9.8	12.8
142	30	Br Island	25	35	-2½	..	..	..
44	25½	Broad St	43	44½	+½	2.1	4.8	11.1
248	176	Broadwell Land	170	180	..	6.7	3.8	9.2
133	78	[illegible]	88	103	..	..	..	71.6
6¾	3¾	Bula Resources	3¾	4½	..	..	..	2.8
303	127	Business Tech	215	222	+10	4.3	2.0	14.2
37	29	CCS Gp	27	30	r-1	0.5	1.7	..
260	131	CML Micro	166	173	..	2.4	1.4	14.3
63	35	CPU Comp	30	40	-5	..	..	8.1
260	88	Campbell & Arm	95	105	..	6.6	6.6	6.4
153	105	Cap & Regional	120	130	..	0.8	0.7	28.6
150	113	Capital Gp	145	152	..	1.1	0.7	..
128	39	Carlton Phoenix	40	45	..	5.3	12.3	4.3
70	45	Cassidy Bros	48	57	..	4.7	7.5	8.8
465	287	Castle Comm	400	405	●..	11.3	2.8	15.0
148	88	Central Motor	105	110	..	4.0	3.7	13.6
236	88	Chelsea Man	93	103	-7	3.3	3.4	10.7
177	45	Chestergate Gp	45	45	..	7.1	16.5	2.7
135	89	Chieftain Group	120	130	..	3.7	3.0	12.8
155	78	[illegible]	88	88	..	3.2	3.9	5.9
10	2	City & West	1¾	2¼	..	..	..	..
212½	98	Citygate	108	118	-5	7.3	6.9	4.1
380	105	Citygate CP	110	120	..	1.2	1.0	..
98	70	City of Lon	85	88	..	4.3	3.6	10.6
140	50½	Clayhithe	138	142	-2	0.7	0.5	34.0
196	113	Clarke Hooper	122	125	..	5.2	4.2	8.4
25½	4	Clogau Gold	4	5½	r..	..	..	..
105	61	Cluff Resources	103	105	+4	..	..	..
45	26	Coated Electrodes	30	30	..	..	..	..
29½	16	Colorgen Inc	17	19	..	..	..	..
294	205	Colorgraphic	208	218	..	7.9	3.7	13.8
375	100	Colourvision	128	135	+2	6.1	4.7	11.2
128	68	Co of Designers	63	70	-3	4.9	7.2	7.2
75	35	[illegible]	43	48	..	..	..	..
116	38	Conroy Pet	83	88	+1	..	..	..
240	110	Conl Microware	115	135	..	4.2	3.4	37.9
185	58	Cook (DC)	65	85	..	1.6	2.9	..
182	45	Copymore	50	60	..	3.3	5.2	5.3
85	36	Corton Bch	45	50	..	0.8	1.7	6.3
513	435	[illegible]	480	495	+5	8.3	1.7	21.1
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	42	52	..	1.7	3.6	14.4
[illegible]	78	Cranswick	85	90	..	7.4	8.4	14.9
213	170	Gardner (DC)	177	182	-1	4.4	2.4	15.7
179	116	Gibbon Lyons	110	125	-5	7.1	6.9	10.3
320	226	Gibbs Mew	285	300	-5	6.7	2.3	18.0
63	14	Global Gp	28	31	..	..	..	18.0
232	175	Good Relations	172	182	..	9.7	5.5	12.8
278	193	Green (Ernest)	230	245	●+5	8.3	3.5	9.5
123	88	Green (Jones)	90	95	-2	3.9	4.2	10.7
250	180	Hadleigh Inds	195	200	●..	5.3	2.7	15.1
185	85	Halls Homes	92	92	●+2	8.0	8.2	7.2
280	188	Handley Walker	210	215	..	8.8	4.1	15.1
12½	555	Headline	12	12½	+1	19.5	1.6	28.5
11½	770	Do 'A' LV	11¼	11½	-½	19.5	1.7	28.0
143	110	Heveticoat	110	115	..	5.1	4.5	7.9
276	154	Highland Park	185	195	+5	5.3	2.8	50.6
153	115	Holders Tech	110	120	..	8.0	7.0	8.5
121	63	Honeysuckle Gp	64	69	●+1	7.5	11.2	5.2
283	182	Hornby	208	213	-2	7.0	3.3	10.1
150	121	Hughes (HT)	122	127	●+1½	3.6	2.9	27.8
178	86	Ibex Hldgs	80	90	-15	5.1	6.8	..
60	45	Image Storage	47	57	+2	..	..	..
324	135	Interlink Express	175	185	..	10.7	5.9	11.2
106	62	JLI Group	80	85	..	4.7	5.7	11.8
367	285	Jacques Vert	289	300	..	12.3	4.2	8.4
102	50	Just Robber	70	77	●-2	3.5	4.7	9.3
385	193	Kewill Systems	320	330	..	4.0	1.2	18.5
68	41	Kwick	56	57½	..	2.0	3.5	18.0
84	58	LPA Ind	63	70	..	4.1	6.1	13.1
218	113	Lambert	157	162	..	12.7	7.9	..
175	128	Lincat	123	128	●-1	6.1	4.8	10.2
165	83	Lee & Clydeside	78	88	..	7.6	8.2	8.0
182	85	Lon Forfaiting	82	87	..	9.7	11.4	5.3
598	343	Marina Dev	400	410	-2	10.0	2.5	35.5
375	284	Menvier-Swain	348	358	..	6.9	2.0	17.3
423	320	Merrydown Wine	390	405	s+3	7.7	1.9	20.2
211	133	Metsec	175	185	r-2	5.7	3.2	12.9
173	14	Midland Scot Res	155	169	+5	..	..	..
455	310	Miss	340	350	..	6.4	1.9	14.7
125	71	Morris Ashby	70	77	-1	5.5	7.4	6.7
180	112	Mustang	165	175	..	5.7	3.4	14.5
36½	18	New England Props	18	20	+½	0.4	2.1	14.6
115	98	Do 10%	88	100	..	0	11.1	..
271	143	Norfolk House	186	191	..	5.0	2.6	10.7
170	25	Ocean Tech	45	52	●-3	..	..	..
232	151	Osborne & Little	149	159	-2	7.7	5.1	7.2
173	138	PCT	133	143	-2	7.1	5.1	9.9
412	283	Pegasus	357	367	..	14.9	4.1	9.9
361	265	Peek Group	260	270	..	8.0	3.0	8.4
111	72	Perkins Foods	92	97	+2	3.5	3.7	22.8
131	73	Peters (Michael)	70	75	●-3	4.9	6.7	6.6
578	322	Radio City 'A'	440	455	..	12.8	2.7	17.7
185	100	Ramus	105	110	●+3	10.0	9.7	5.3
182	139	Regal Hotels	158	164	..	7.8	4.9	27.0
177	102	Reliance Sec	120	127	..	7.7	6.2	10.5
250	148	Rolfe & Nolan	230	240	..	7.5	3.2	12.9
210	86	RPS Group	158	168	-12	3.2	2.0	24.5
135	95	SAC	117	125	..	5.3	4.4	14.1
148	118	Sandell	120	127	..	5.9	4.8	12.3
280	142	Scot Highland	188	198	..	8.0	4.2	14.5
405	335	Sherwood Group	330	340	..	9.6	2.9	9.4
345	236	Sims Food	280	285	..	11.5	4.0	15.1
105	56	Stainless Metal	55	60	..	..	..	..
42	18	Stanco Exhib	16	19	..	1.3	7.2	6.9
258	125	Stanhope Props	153	157	●+5	0.1	0.1	23.4
155	103	Sterling Pub	132	137	+2	6.0	4.4	13.2
294	122	Sweet & Vice	240	250	●-3	2.5	0.8	23.2
80	51	Sutherland	48	53	-2	2.0	3.9	15.0
250	210	Swayne Comp	215	230	●..	4.8	2.2	11.0
226	174	TMD Advert	265	270	..	4.0	1.5	28.5
220	137	TV-am	187	190	..	8.3	4.9	9.8
140	110	Tezzit	123	128	..	2.7	2.1	15.8
363	180	Tranchwood	150	170	..	7.1	4.4	4.3
120	79	Trevian Hldgs	73	78	-4	4.0	5.3	7.0
216	110	UTC Group	107	112	●..	14.0	12.7	4.7
880	500	Utd Friendly	850	870	+5	45.2	5.3	..
129	108	Video Tape Rec	118	125	●..	4.0	3.3	11.1
132	71	WSP Hldgs	105	112	..	2.8	2.7	17.0
102	50	Wood John D & Co	58	68	..	2.7	4.4	4.8
385	198	Wyevale	276	286	..	6.5	2.3	19.6
365	177	Yorkshire Radio	172	182	-3	7.8	4.4	5.8
46	10	Zotefoams? Zoltch Group	18	18½	+½	3.6	19.9	4.6

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
180	76	ASS Bennett? [illegible]	78	88	..	1.3	1.7	16.0
18	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	..	..	..	..
94	55	[illegible]	53	58	..	..	..	..
308	176	Broadcast	305	330	..	..	..	34.3
135	81	Chelsea Art	90	100	..	1.3	1.4	..
143	95	Crown Eye	120	130	..	..	..	24.0
100	76	Hiclass	95	105	..	..	..	16.7
53	31	Kemp (FE)	40	45	-2	2.8	4.7	16.3
165	81	LSM	77	85	..	2.7	3.3	13.2
251	98	Medicare	122	127	..	..	..	..
220	150	Royal Sovereign	145	155	..	7.8	5.1	8.8
150	129	Unit Group	127	130	..	6.7	5.2	7.3
100	66	Video Magic Gp	76	86	+3	..	..	..

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1989 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
180	129	Kleinwort O'seas	174	175	+½	3.7	2.1	61.7
400	282	Law Debenture	365	370	..	17.0	4.6	30.1
319	207	Monks Inv Tst	316	318	+1	8.9	1.9	70.4
242	178	Murray Income	215	220	+1	10.9	5.0	25.8
257	157	Murray Smaller	250	253	●+2	4.1	1.6	88.0
340	276	Murray Ventures	285	290	●-1	9.6	3.3	33.8
273	178½	O'seas Inv Tst	270	276	●+10	2.9	1.1	89.2
253	163	St Andrew Inv Tst	223	227	..	7.7b	3.4	42.3
172	124½	Scottish	163	165	..	4.9	3.0	44.3
181	127	Scot Eastern	177	179	+½	4.0b	2.8	28.5
259	208	Seed Dorrill? [illegible]	253	260	..	13.7	5.3	22.9
150	86	TR Australia	93	97	●+2	5.3	5.5	16.0
284	211	Temple Bar	244	247	..	12.0	4.9	25.8
440	270	Throg Dual	300	320	..	5.8	2.4	47.2
175	118	USDC Investment	171	174	+1	4.7	2.7	48.8
622	457	Witan? [illegible]	540	545	●+4½	14.8	2.6	32.7
157½	119	Witan	146	147½	●+½	3.5	2.4	46.8

[Remaining Investment Trusts entries (left column: Alliance, Amer Trust, Ang & O'seas, Bankers, Berry Starq, Br Assets, Br Empire Sec, Br Inv, Brunner, CDFC Tst, Crescent Japan, Derby Inc, Drayton Asia, Drayton Cons, Drayton Far East, Dundee Lon, Edinburgh, Electric Gen, English Int, English Scot, F & C Eurotrust, F & C Pacific, First Scot Amer, Fleming American, Fleming Claver, Fleming Enterprise, Fleming Far East, Fleming Fledgeling, Fleming High Inc, Fleming Japan, Fleming Mercantile, Fleming Overseas, Fleming Tech, Fleming Universal, For Col, GT Japan, Globe Inv, Govett Atlantic, Govett Oriental, Govett Strategy, Gresham House, Independent Inv Co, Inv Cap, Kleinwort Charter and others) are illegible in this scan.]

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 85.2 (day's range 85.9-86.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 27

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.5580-1.5600	1.5585-1.5595	0.86-0.85pr	2.54-2.51pr
Montrl	1.8143-1.8205	1.8178-1.8205	0.45-0.41pr	0.89-0.82pr
Amstrdm	3.1283-3.1561	3.1515-3.1551	1¾-1⅝pr	5¼-4⅞pr
Brussels	58.43-58.77	58.57-58.77	26-24pr	75-71pr
Copnhgn	10.8111-10.8518	10.8241-10.8467	2⅝-2⅜pr	8⅛-7⅝pr
Dublin	1.0570-1.0615	1.0587-1.0597	41-36pr	97-86pr
Frankft	2.7848-2.7938	2.7908-2.7942	1⅝-1½pr	4⅞-4¾pr
Lisbon	242.04-243.36	242.42-243.36	9pr-38ds	95-208ds
Madrid	178.86-179.87	179.44-179.87	11-1pr	13pr-1ds
Milan	2057.03-2063.45	2057.88-2062.32	4-3pr	11-8pr
Oslo	10.6401-10.6688	10.6464-10.6688	2⅜-2⅛pr	6⅞-6⅛pr
Paris	9.5103-9.5443	9.5270-9.5410	3⅝-3⅜pr	10⅛-9⅝pr
Stckhlm	9.9421-9.9863	9.9627-9.9800	2⅜-2⅛pr	7⅜-7⅛pr
Tokyo	223.13-223.78	223.48-223.78	1⅝-1½pr	4⅞-4¾pr
Vienna	19.61-19.98	19.66-19.69	10⅞-9⅝pr	31⅞-28⅝pr
Zurich	2.4927-2.5046	2.5014-2.5046	1⅝-1½pr	4⅞-4¾pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1012.37-1020.82
Australia dollar	1.9842-1.9881
Bahrain dinar	0.5830-0.5910
Brazil cruzado*	10.7875-10.8290
Cyprus pound	0.76-0.77
Finland markka	6.5165-6.5835
Greece drachma	252.40-255.60
Hong Kong dollar	12.1672-12.1768
India rupee	26.30-26.60
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4590-0.4650
Malaysia ringgit	4.2066-4.2109
Mexico peso	4090-4190
New Zealand dollar	2.6406-2.6492
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.7990-5.8810
Singapore dollar	3.0412-3.0448
S Africa rand (fin)	6.1470-6.2691
S Africa rand (com)	4.0617-4.0690
U A E dirham	5.6775-5.7575

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4690-1.4705	Denmark	6.9500-6.9550	Italy	1322.0-1323.0
Singapore	1.9520-1.9530	W Germany	1.7913-1.7920	Belgium (Com)	37.60-37.63
Malaysia	2.7000-2.7010	Switzerland	1.6035-1.6045	Hong Kong	7.8095-7.8105
Australia	1.2735-1.2751	Netherlands	2.0205-2.0215	Portugal	155.70-155.90
Canada	1.1660-1.1670	France	6.1175-6.1225	Spain	115.05-115.15
Sweden	6.3975-6.4025	Japan	143.32-143.42	Austria	12.61-12.62
Norway	6.8375-6.8425				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15

Discount Market Loans %

Overnight: High: 15 Low 14¾ Week fixed: 14¾

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying: 2 mth – 14²⁷⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 14²³⁄₃₂

Selling: 2 mth – 14²⁵⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 14¹⁹⁄₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14²⁷⁄₃₂-¹³⁄₁₆ 2 mth: 14¾-14¹³⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 14¾-14⅝ 6 mth 14¾-14⁷⁄₁₆

Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15¹⁵⁄₃₂ 2 mth: 15⅛ 3 mth: 15⅛ 6 mth 14⅞

Interbank (%): Overnight: open 14¾ close 15¼

1 week: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-⅞ 1 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-15 3 mth: 15⅛-15⅛ 6 mth: 15-14¹⁵⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 14⅞-14¾ 12 mth: 14¹¹⁄₁₆-14⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 day: 14¾ 7 day: 14¾ 1 mth: 15 3 mth: 15 6 mth: 15 12 mth: 14⁹⁄₁₆

Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 15⅛-15 3 mth: 15³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 15-14⅞ 12 mth 14⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆

Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.30-8.25 3 mth: 8.25-8.20 6 mth: 8.08-8.03 12 mth 8.00-7.95

Building Society CDs (%)

1 mth: 15¹⁄₈-15 2 mth: 15³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 15-14⅞ 9 mth: 14¾-14⅝ 12 mth: 14¾-14⅝

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1989. Agreed rates Nov 26, 1989 to Dec 25, 1989. Scheme I: 15.66 per cent. Schemes II & III: 15.22 per cent. Reference rate Sept 30, 1989 to Oct 31, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 15.084 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⅝-8	8⅞-8⅝	8⅝-8⅝	8⁹⁄₁₆-7¹⁵⁄₁₆
Call: 8⅞-7⅞				
Deutschemark:	7⅞-7⅞	7⅞-7⅞	8⅛-8	8⅛-8⅞
Call: 7⅞-6⅞				
French Franc:	10⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆	10⅞-10⅞	10⅞-10⅞	10⁹⁄₁₆-⁷⁄₁₆
Call: 10-9				
Swiss Franc:	7-6⅞	7⅞-7⅞	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆	7¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆
Call: 7⅞-6⅞				
Yen:	6⅛-6⅜	6⅛-6⅜	6⅞-6⅜	6¹³⁄₁₆-¹¹⁄₁₆
Call: 6-5				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $417.75-418.25 Close: $415.00-415.50

High: $418.00-418.50 Low: $413.00-413.50

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: $423.00-428.00 (£271.00-274.00)

Krugerrand: $414.00-417.00 (£265.00-267.00)

Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $423.00-428.00 (£271.00-274.00)

American Eagle: $423.00-428.00 (£271.00-274.00)

New Sovereign: $98.00-100.00 (£62.75-63.75)

Old Sovereign: $98.00-100.00 (£62.75-63.75)

PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum per fix: $532.75 (£342.05)

Palladium per fix: $140.85 (£90.30)

Spot Silver: $5.74-5.76 (£3.6725-3.6875)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100				Previous open interest 34735	
Dec 89	2210.0	2224.0	2202.0	2223.0	2358
Mar 90	2246.0	2263.5	2246.0	2267.0	240
Three Month Sterling				Previous open interest 139900	
Dec 89	84.90	84.90	84.79	84.86	13353
Mar 90	85.69	85.72	85.50	85.68	26843
Three Month Eurodollar				Previous open interest 45594	
Dec 89	91.77	91.80	91.70	91.70	2528
Mar 90	92.32	92.34	92.19	92.24	3043
Three Month Euro DM				Previous open interest 29589	
Dec 89	91.76	91.78	91.69	91.71	3153
Mar 90	91.86	91.86	91.74	91.75	2698

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three month ECU				Previous open interest 1036	
Dec 89	89.27	89.27	89.18	89.18	66
Mar 90	89.63	89.63	89.49	89.49	207
US Treasury Bond				Previous open interest 6264	
Dec 89	99-23	99-24	99-12	99-13	2920
Long Gilt				Previous open interest 33723	
Dec 89	91-08	91-08	90-21	90-27	15245
Japanese Govt Bond				Previous open interest 1069	
Dec 89	104.26	104.28	104.07	104.05	27
German Govt Bond				Previous open interest 38510	
Dec 89	91.46	91.54	90.72	90.75	38387
Mar 90	91.70	91.72	90.88	90.91	3207

COMMODITIES

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Reports from the Opec meeting in Vienna indicated that the issues of production levels/quotas were still some way from resolution. The products market was at a virtual standstill whilst waiting for news.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	18.50	
15 day Dec	18.50	
15 day Jan	18.45	
WTI Jan	19.80	-5
WTI Feb	19.65	-5

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		187-189		
Gasoil EEC		190-192	+1	
Non 1H Dec	-2	189-190	-2	
Non 1H Jan	-2	184-185	-2	
3.5 Fuel Oil		100-102		
Naphtha	-1	160-162	-1	

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Dec 89	Hi 1681-1681	Low	Close 1677
Jan 90	Hi 1688-1685	Low	Close 1688
Apr 90	Hi 1690-1685	Low	Close 1690
Jul 90	Hi 1410-1410	Low	Close 1410

Vol 116 lots Open interest 6296

Dry cargo index 1673.0 +1.0 on 24/11/89

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL AMT Futures

Dec	185.50-85.00
Jan	180.00-79.75
Feb	174.25-74.00
Mar	169.25-69.00
Apr	164.50-64.00
May	161.75-61.50
Jun	160.00-59.00
Vol	4744

BRENT AMT Futures

Jan	18.44-18.43
Feb	18.28-18.26
Vol	2994

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	148.0	150.0
Apr	207.5	213.7
May	234.5	238.0
Nov	110.0	94.5

Vol 507

LONDON FOX

COCOA — AMT Futures

Dec 685-680	Sep 688-686
Mar 651-650	Dec 713-710
May 659-658	Mar 735-731
Jul 672-671	Vol 7410

COFFEE — AMT Futures

Nov 707-705	Jul 716-717
Jan 685-684	Sep 738-737
Mar 682-681	Nov 758-750
May 700-698	Vol 1981

SUGAR — C Czarnikow

FOB Vol: 6661

Dec 325.0-20.0	Aug 313.0-12.4
Mar 322.8-20.4	Oct 305.4-06.0
May 319.8-19.8	Dec 305-295

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 683

Ja 113.85 Mr 117.45 My 120.55

Jn 121.95 Sp 104.90 Nv 107.90

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 67

Ja 111.15 Mr 113.85 My 115.50

Sp 102.30 Nv 105.25

SOYABEAN — AMT Futures

Feb 145.5-47.0	Aug 137.0-41.0
Apr 144.0-45.0	Oct 136.0-41.0
Jun 138.0-44.0	Dec 137.0-42.0
	Vol 25

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1579.0-1580.0	1588.0-1589.0	292025	Easier
Lead	430.00-431.00	429.00-429.50	46050	Firmer
Zinc Hi Gde*	1377.0-1380.0	1320.0-1325.0	16200	Quiet
Zinc Spec Hi*	1382.0-1384.0	1345.0-1350.0	73000	Steady
Tin*	6710-6711	6640-6645	2800	Easier
Aluminium HI*	1705.0-1706.0	1705.0-1708.0	208375	Steady
Nickel*	8225-8250	8800-8825	6294	Easier

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Nov	121.8	122.0
Feb	110.3	110.5
Apr	110.5	110.8
Jun	110.8	111.0

Live Cattle Contract

Nov	unq.	115.0
Jan	unq.	117.0
Feb	unq.	118.0

Vol Pig-30 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

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(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	91.38	206.87	114.22
GB (+/-)	-2.80	+4.36	-0.20
Eng/Wal (%)	-6.8	-33.4	-39.5
Eng/Wal (p)	91.37	207.58	113.86
Eng/Wal (+/-)	-2.77	+3.62	-0.37
Scotland (%)	-69.6	-76.3	-48.8
Scotland (p)	92.80	201.34	117.70
Scotland (+/-)	-2.65	+2.83	+1.71

* Estimated dead carcase weight

Greater professionalism among charity organizations and more publicity has not meant more funds. **Nick Kochan** reports

Running fast, but slipping back

Britain's charities are having to run faster these days, yet they are still slipping backwards. Running for the world benefited some causes, but the general story is not so optimistic. Tax-cutting and government appeals have made the charity coffers no fuller, while the pressure from a growing number of causes which spending cuts have left out in the cold is increasing.

The problem is that public and corporate generosity has not matched the new expectations. Charities' professionalism is increasing rapidly and they are making the most of every opportunity, but the charity managers say that good management will only make up for lack of funds so far.

Figures produced by the Charities Aid Foundation in its recently published *Charity Trends* tell the tale of Britain's giving patterns in the three key areas of public-sector support, corporate giving and individual donations. They do not make pleasant reading.

In terms of public support, *Charity Trends* reveals there is "evidence of statutory support tailing off to the voluntary sector". Both the rate of increase of government funding, which totals £290 million a year, and funding from non-departmental government bodies, which totals £920 million, (£560 million of which comes from the now defunct Community Programme), has slowed to a trickle.

Local authorities, which give £500 million a year, are willing to help charities more, but the effect of the Community Charge on their ability to give is a cause of concern

Rising profitability has meant steep increases in corporate giving in real terms in the past few years, but the scale of this sector's donations still marks a decrease as a percentage of profits. Corporate donations rose more than 50 per cent between 1985 and 1988, from about £60 million to £90 million, but this was a fall in percentage of profit terms from 0.21 per cent to 0.18 per cent over that period. *Charity Trends* reports that "efforts to raise the percentage of corporate pre-tax profits have been largely unsuccessful".

Private donations provide a no more optimistic picture of the British nation's generosity. Information is sketchy, but it is thought that the public gave between £3 billion and £4.5 billion last year The Charities Aid Foundation believes that about 80 per cent of adults make donations during the year, but estimate the average monthly donation at a mere £2.

There is another factor in the charitable equation in Britain. This is the growing number of organizations making demands on these static or declining funds. The traditional charities are being joined by other fund-raising bodies set up to plug holes in their statutory grants.

Companies report approaches from fund-raisers, such as polytechnics, seeking a new department building and museums and hospitals, which in the past would have had their own state sources of finance. As one corporate giver said: "The pot is running dry." Such is the demand for funds that professional fund-raisers are also needed, but these are now a scarce breed for whom charities and other non-profit organizations will pay generously to recruit.

Wendy Riches, the head of fund-raising for the Save the Children Fund, says "more demands are being made on charities and more demands are being made on donors. Somewhere along the line it is stopping, and now there are charities feeling the pinch."

The Government must bear some of the brunt for the unsatisfactory situation, says Michael Brophy, director of the Charities Aid Foundation. He believes the Government should "come clean" about the level of support it plans to give to charities.

"At the moment," he adds, "people remain suspicious of government intentions. Corporations and individuals feel that if they give a lot more to charity, the Government will withdraw."

Brophy's appeal is for clarity not charity, particularly about government concessions to charity donors. He describes these concessions "as full of anomalies". Why, asks Brophy, "is there no limit on covenanting, but a limit of £480 on payroll deduction-giving. Why can companies, but not individuals, give single gifts?

"What we need is a rapid and comprehensive new look across the range of concessions, starting from first principles, and making it clear that the object of the exercise is to encourage individuals to give generously," Brophy says.

But the Government has got one thing right, according to Brophy and most senior charity professionals. It has brought in the Charities Bill, now going through Parliament, which will boost the powers of the Charity Commissioners. This, it is hoped, will help root out the few examples of mismanagement before they are exposed in the press – to the whole sector's detriment.

Professionalism is one of the proud boasts of today's charity managers. "The quality of management has changed dramatically," says Riches. "Ten years ago, there was a lot of jumping in without planning. Now, on the whole, charities are more skilled at marketing themselves."

This, she says, has resulted in sophisticated efforts to attract sponsorship and even television advertising, now that the Independent Broadcasting Authority has relaxed its rules,

The paradox of Britain's disappointing charitable record is that charities are bigger news than ever before. Events such as Band Aid, Live Aid, the Great Ormond Street Hospital Appeal and the various telethons have caught the popular imagination with unprecedented force.

The challenge to the charities is to build a lasting trend from occasional bursts of popular enthusiasm.



Charity in action: Princess Anne, The Princess Royal, president of the Save the Children Fund; Live Aid's Bob Geldof, and Michael Brophy (inset), director of the Charity Aid Foundation

Need for a new 'breed'

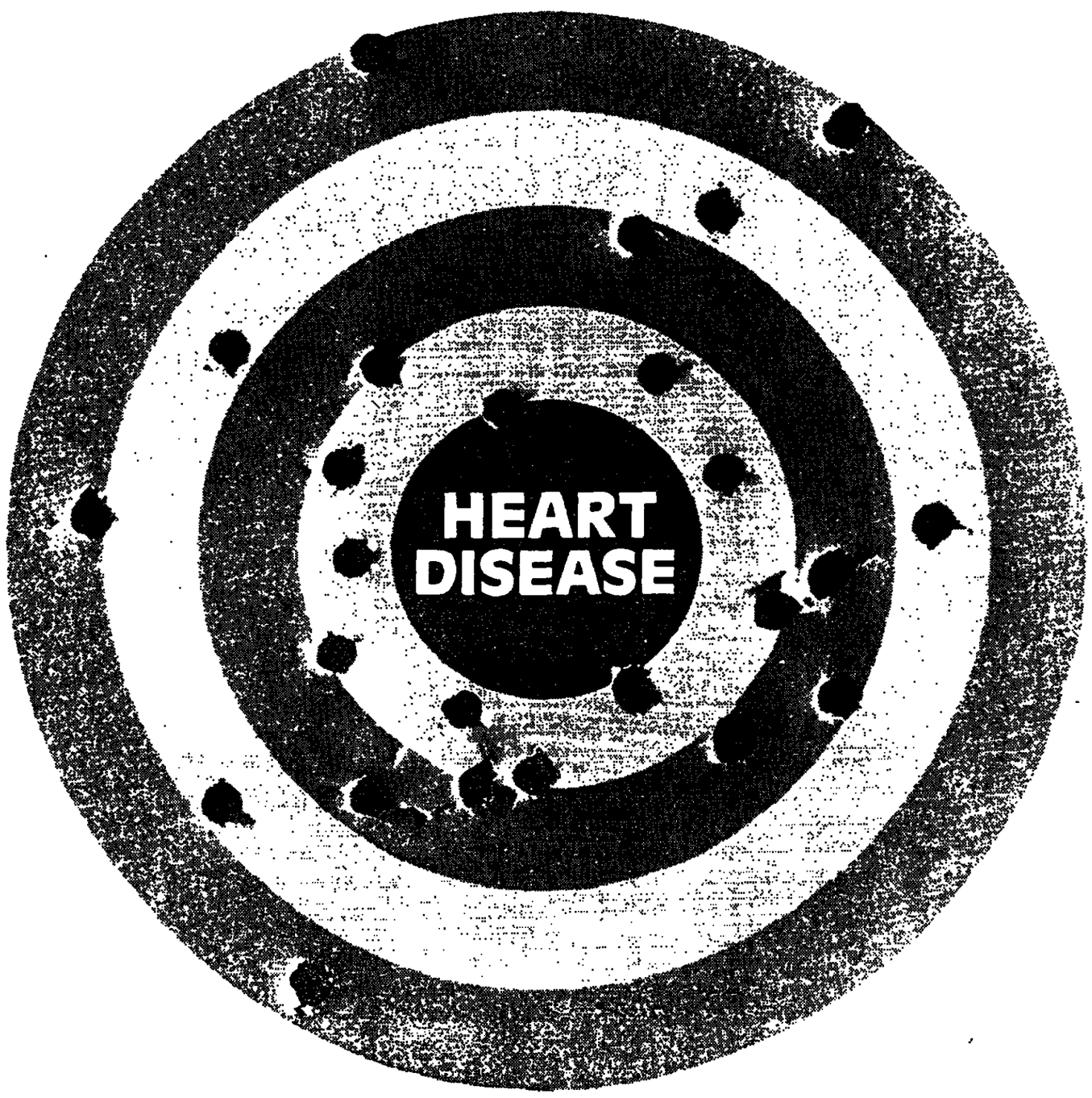
Charities have been hit as hard as any other employers by the current shortage of good professional and managerial staff. Their problems have been made worse because they are now expected to play a much greater role in community care than their traditional recruitment and training policies allow for.

As central and local government withdraw from the provision of a wide range of social services, charities and other voluntary agencies are coming under increasing pressure to fill the gap. This requires a new breed of "hybrid" professionals who can work well in the distinct culture of the voluntary sector, but demonstrate the entrepreneurial, marketing and financial skills associated with the business executive.

The increasing difficulty of finding people capable of combining charitable objectives with commercial skills was stressed by Tim Dartington, of the National Council for Voluntary Agencies. "Voluntary agencies exist primarily to meet social, rather than economic, aims," he says. "Managers and professional staff have to work to ill-defined, short-term objectives while maintaining the long-term values, aims and ideology of the organization. Financial management is often about survival in the face of uncertain funding." Larry Reynolds, training manager of the Save the Children Fund, says the resources at most charities' disposal are now three to four times as large. "They are having to be much more competitive in their fund-raising activites."

Larger charities have the personnel expertise needed to tackle their recruitment problems. Many smaller, locally based groups do not. Yet their need for professional staff is equally urgent. A good example is the Manic Depression Fellowship, which has a membership of just under 2,000 but has to run a nationwide network of more than 60 self-help groups with a mixed staff of paid and voluntary workers. "Our role in local community care has increased dramatically with the closure of many psychiatric units," says Alan Mitchell, its chairman. "While we are small, our need for good staff is just as great."

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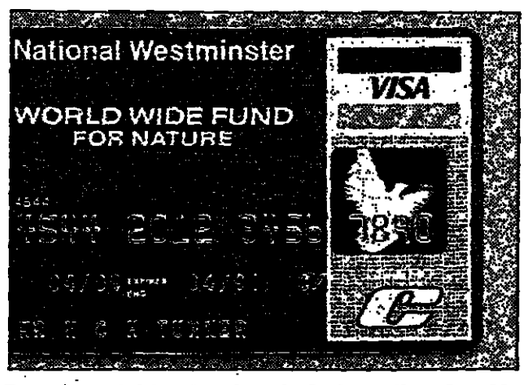
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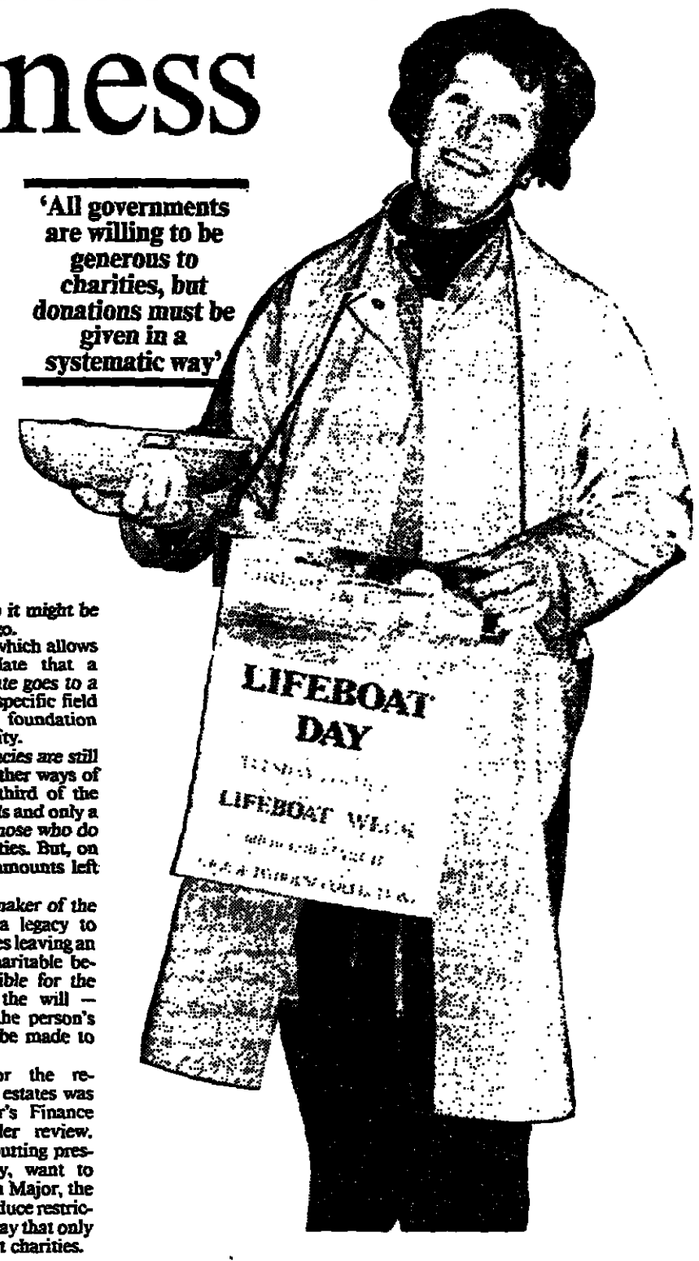
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'All governments are willing to be generous to charities, but donations must be given in a systematic way'

With a little advance planning, giving can pay dividends to both donor and recipient. Malcolm Brown reports

About 90 per cent of all charity giving in Britain is spontaneous, almost accidental. We respond to disasters by sending a cheque to an appeal fund, or we put our loose change into the street collector's tin in exchange for a lapel sticker. By and large, we give without any forethought.

If we did think about it, we would realize there are better ways of giving. The crux of the matter is this: all governments, through taxation, are willing to be comparatively generous to charities, but donations must be given in a systematic way.

Money given to a disaster appeal or put into a collection box comes from income on which tax has already been paid and is irretrievable. Money donated through special arrangements, such as covenants and legacies, allows charities to take advantage of a variety of tax concessions.

The job of the Charities Aid Foundation, says Michael Brophy, its director, is to increase the level of systematic giving. "We're rather like an insurance salesman, saying: 'The best system for you is this,' but all the systems are linked, to allow people to give tax-efficiently to charities of their own choice."

There are many different ways of giving which are tax-efficient, but among the most popular, according to the foundation, are:

● *Payroll giving.* Introduced in the 1986 Budget and started in 1987, the "give as you earn" scheme allows employees to donate part of their pay before tax is deducted. If the donor chooses to give £10 a month it will actually cost him only £7.50 because the taxman will not take the £2.50 tax due (at basic rate).

The money will go to the charity nominated by the donor. The ceiling has been doubled each year since the scheme began — first £120, then, from April 1988, £240, and now £480. The raising of the ceiling has been welcomed, but many people in the charity business would like to see it abolished, especially since there is no ceiling on giving through other devices, such as covenants.

More than 2,000 companies now run payroll deduction schemes. Many charities, from well-known ones such as Oxfam to the less well-known, like the Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth, Devon, now gain part of their income from payroll giving. One of the greatest benefits is that the regularity of the income allows them to plan more effectively.

● *Covenants.* A covenant is an agreement to make regular payments to a charity. The donor undertakes to give a specified sum to a charity for a number of years and the charity gains a tax advantage on the money. The donor pays net and the charity named in the covenant claims back the tax that has already been paid. There is no ceiling on the amount of money that may be covenanted.

The difference between payroll giving and covenant — apart from the fact there is no ceiling on covenants — is that the covenant must run for more than three years (it could be three years and a day). An innovative scheme run by the foundation to complement covenanting is the cheque book scheme.

People can covenant direct to an individual charity, but if they covenant to the foundation they are given an account with the foundation and a voucher book, which looks just like a cheque book and allows them to make payments from their account to charities of their choice. The donor can make out "cheques" to the charities he wants to help, and those charities send the cheques to the foundation which pays the appropriate sum directly into the charity's bank account.

● *Personal charitable trusts.* People tend to assume that charitable trusts are the province of the wealthy, but many people set up personal charitable trusts. A trust allows the donor to place capital in trust for charitable purposes in perpetuity, while retaining full control of the distribution to charity of the tax-free income from the capital.

One of the drawbacks to trusts is the sheer amount of paperwork involved in setting one up. To get round this, the foundation has a scheme which allows the person wanting to establish a trust to use the foundation's experts to do the paperwork. He then appoints the foundation's trustees as the trustees of the personal trust account.

● *Legacies.* Gifts made in a will are exempt from inheritance tax, without restriction. Several charities, such as Barnardo's, are particularly good at attracting legacies. One of the problems about leaving a legacy to a named charity is that charities have been known to go out of existence, so money bequeathed to it might be left with nowhere to go.

by offering a service which allows the donor to stipulate that a proportion of his estate goes to a charity working in a specific field of endeavour. The foundation then chooses the charity.

The number of legacies are still small, compared to other ways of giving. Less than a third of the population makes wills and only a small proportion of those who do leave money to charities. But, on the other hand, the amounts left can be large.

It is not only the maker of the will who can leave a legacy to charity. If someone dies leaving an estate without any charitable bequest, it is still possible for the family to rearrange the will — within two years of the person's death — so gifts can be made to charity.

This provision for the rearrangement of death estates was attacked in this year's Finance Bill, and it is under review. Charities, which are putting pressure on the Treasury, want to make sure that, if John Major, the Chancellor, does introduce restrictions, he does so in a way that only affects tax dodgers, not charities.

Working for love, not money

The numbers of voluntary workers are dropping and charities are having to find new ways to attract them

Volunteers are the bedrock of Britain's charities. They do everything from administration to helping out at jumble sales, all without payment. It is estimated that about 27 million people do voluntary work, equivalent to 1.3 million people working a full-time 40-hour week. Oxfam alone runs 820 shops and has more than 25,000 volunteers.

What is beginning to worry the charity world is that the numbers may be on the decline. Dr Justin Davis Smith, research officer of the Volunteer Centre UK, an agency which promotes volunteering and tries to encourage good practice in it, says that although the various surveys on volunteers have been rather incompatible, evidence suggests that over the last few years there has been a fall-off in numbers. The reasons, says Dr Davis Smith, are twofold. First, there has been a change in the pattern of paid work. Women are one of the traditional sources of unpaid volunteers, but many are being attracted back into paid employment.

The second factor is changing demographic trends. The falling birth rate means that there is a smaller pool of young people from which volunteers can be drawn. The increase in the numbers of elderly people, meanwhile, means that the need for volunteers is greater.

There is a decline, says Davis Smith, but it need not be terminal. "The first thing organizations need to do is widen the base from which they recruit volunteers, who are still drawn from quite narrow sections of society: they tend to be middle-aged, middle-class, women."

Looking on the positive side, therefore, says Davis Smith, the crisis could force organizations to look beyond their traditional recruiting grounds. "They could widen their net by looking for more young people, elderly people and people from the black communities."

There are a number of practical ways of making volunteering a less middle-class endeavour, he suggests. One is to look at simple ways of providing expenses "so people on low incomes won't be barred".

"Organizations need to stress the mutuality of volunteering. Too often it's presented as somebody helping somebody else in a charitable way, but when you look into people's motivations, you see that the volunteers get as much, if not more, out of the relationship in terms of meeting people, widening their social contacts, or as a leg-up into the paid labour market."

One thing is certain, says Davis Smith: failure to act now will mean that many voluntary groups will be unable to expand or maintain existing levels.

Figures on volunteers collected by the Charities Aid Foundation provide an insight into the world of jumble sales and sponsored events. The most popular voluntary occupation is helping out at jumble sales and the most unpopular is serving in charity shops. In descending order of popularity, the most sought after jobs, next to jumble sale work, are selling raffle tickets, collecting things to sell and visiting the sick and elderly. Interestingly, in the latter category it is the young — the 16- to 24-year-olds — who do most visiting, closely followed by those over 65.

The mean overall time given to voluntary work in the month prior to the survey was five hours and 10 minutes.

The survey bears out the fact that women are more likely to volunteer. Both sexes are keen on money-raising, but men tend to become involved in administration.

Malcolm Brown

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LEADING THE WAY IN CANCER CARE

Television advertising, now permitted for charities, can pose difficulties, **Nick Kochan** says

Slow to get in the picture

On September 4 this year, charity advertising was allowed on television for the first time. The response was similiar to the televising of Parliament – a slow and cautious take-up, some carping criticism and much burying of heads in the sand.

Despite this, the results are encouraging. During the weekend after the relaxation of the rules, an advertisement from Marie Curie appeared on London Weekend Televison. It had been produced for Sky Television, and the charity believes it will raise its profile by being a pioneer of this new medium. "We felt it would be very noticeable, appearing so soon after the restrictions were lifted, because people would be watching out for charity advertising," an organization spokeswoman says.

Other advertisements are being prepared. One from a multiple sclerosis charity is being tested in the North and the Samaritans organization has launched a shocking, "consciousness-raising advertisement" for the cinema.

Elsewhere, agencies are gearing up for the new age of television by recruiting advertising agencies. Oxfam, the biggest charity, says it plans to experiment with television, although it has not yet produced a timetable.

That is the good news. The bad news is that few charities are prepared to grasp the nettle. The Independent Broadcasting Authority, which has to vet all charity advertising, is thought to be disappointed with the take-up. The reasons the interest has been so muted are manifold, but there is a view that television advertising is so expensive that no one wants to be the first to make a major commitment of funds.

Ron Baird, of Saatchi and Saatchi, who advises charities such as the Samaritans, says it does not make sense to spend money on the production of a 30-second advertisement, then put it out fewer than 10 times. The cost of such a campaign is about £300,000.

Fiona Fountain of the Charities Aid Foundation says the expense must be justified. "If it is going to cost £300,000 to advertise, the return must be at least as much," she adds. "A charity cannot write it off as a tax loss."

Wendy Riches, of the Save the Children Fund, believes caution is perfectly proper. She says television is a difficult medium for charities. "Results from direct response television advertising have been very mixed. It is the sort of area where, if you do not do it very carefully indeed, you can lose a lot of money."

Baird says charities have a special problem making television work for them. "Other than telethons, people don't make instant decisions about giving to charities in this country. If you're shaking a box, people will give 50p, but if you're asking for a covenant or a cheque, they don't make it out on the spot."

Television advertising is viewed with even greater foreboding by those charities which could never even consider making the required outlay. They believe it will reinforce the position of the stronger charities – at their expense. Valerie Pakenham Keady, the Samaritans' head of fund raising and chairman of the Charity Forum, says the smaller organizations fear they will lose out badly to the bigger ones. "They feel charities which can afford to advertise on television will scoop the pool, which will lead to some polarization."

A partial solution to this problem may be provided by commercial sponsors who are willing to fund a charitable television advertisement in return for some kind of endorsement, or corporate message. But one wonders whether they will be interested in any than the biggest charity names.

However, there is a ground swell of opinion among charities which questions the ability of television advertising to carry appropriate messages at all. They say it does not allow time to develop a sophisticated image, and the result is likely to be over-simplified and distorting. "Television advertising will reinforce stereotypical images of the Third World," says a spokesman for an overseas charity.

Smaller charities without sponsors or large promotional funds may prefer to use radio advertising. National Children's Homes has already run a campaign – but the general take-up in advertising on radio has been rather disappointing.

A new Charities Aid Foundation campaign may reverse this. It has just started a series of advertisements on radio for funds for east European charities.



Fiona Fountain of the Charities Aid Foundation: TV dilemma

Agreements with business are boosting funds

Age of the sponsor



On the run: soldiers take part in a sponsored event for charity

The growing professionalism of charity managers is never more evident than in their pursuit and development of sponsorship *(Nick Kochan writes)*. Charities realize they need to make commercial arrangements, which are more sophisticated and reliable than an appeal to altruism, followed by the irregular donation.

One charity with a hard commercial head is the Save the Children Fund, which decided to "push into the commercial sector three years ago", says Wendy Riches, head of fund-raising. "We were more interested in the marketing budget than the charity budget, and we realized that what we had to sell was a 'mega-brand'. We did a marketing exercise, targeting organizations interested in us."

Save the Children has brought businesses into its orbit through the development of an American-style corporate membership scheme, to which blue-chip companies belong.

The Worldwide Fund for Nature has a more product-based relationship whereby it franchises its name in return for a share of the proceeds. Kate Brooks, who heads the commercial sponsorship department at the WFN, describes how the charity makes a pitch. "When we go to see a company we offer a commercial relationship," she says. "We say what we can bring, then they tell us what they seek to achieve. They give us a brief, just as they might give to a public relations or promotions agency, and we try to fulfill it."

The relationships the WFN has built with industry are among the most sophisticated and profitable in the charity world. In some ways, its position is fortunate. First, it has been selling itself to industry for 27 years, and therefore has a considerable franchise. Second, it is in an area of topical interest.

There can be problems, however, as the WFN has discovered.

"In the past, our logo was seen as a charity stamp," Brooks says. "Now it is being seen as an environmental endorsement. That means we have to be more careful about which companies we go with."

A case where the charity had to show extra discretion occurred last year when it was approached by Procter &Gamble, the American consumer goods giant, which wanted to use the WFN logo on its Pampers nappies. It was at a time when the chlorine content in the pulp in disposable nappies was coming under scrutiny from conservationists. At that time, the nappies contained the chlorine and as a result the WFN refused to take the sponsorship arrangement.

Procter & Gamble then suggested what the WFN says was an improvement, and the sponsorship, worth something less than a million pounds, was accepted. "At the same time as we are raising money, for the WFN we are influencing commercial practices," Brooks comments.

Scheme provides tokens of regard

Just over a year ago, as the cash tills started ringing for another Christmas consumer extravaganza, a thoughtful young graduate had an idea. His brainwave was a new form of gift that could harness people's altruism, and solve the problem of just what to buy for the man or woman who has everything. It would also appeal to the spirit of kinder times after the success-and-flaunt-it mentality of the 1980s.

Now David Black, aged 26, is working on a detailed business plan and a practical structure for a nationwide scheme to handle his Charity Gift Tokens. He is now seeking sponsorship and financial backing – money is needed to make his vision a reality. Black believes his scheme will have universal appeal, and could benefit smaller charities which may lack the funds for television advertising.

The idea for Charity Gift Tokens was inspired by his parents. When they celebrated their silver wedding, they asked friends and family not to give them presents, but to make donations to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Black set to work devising a system which could appeal to gift buyers – and gift recipients – aged from eight to 80. The basic idea is simplicity itself – John gives Mary a Charity Gift Token, initially available in denominations ranging from £2 to £10. Mary writes on the token the name of any registered charity she wants to support. The token folds into a self-seal envelope addressed to the Charity Gift Tokens central clearing house, which forwards the cash value to the recipient charity.



No hair shirts: David Black has plans for charity tokens

The whole scheme will be run as a non-profit making company which will later seek charitable status itself.

"It's not for everyone – but it doesn't have to be." Black says. "I wouldn't dream of suggesting everybody should give up the fun of giving real, personal presents. There's nothing 'hair shirt' about the idea. You can still give a tangible present – plus the token."

He admits that it was only when he started talking to knowledgeable people in business and charities did he realize the difficulties and complexities involved. "It's been a steep learning curve. I'm talking to as many people as possible with the major clout to get things done."

Black has business experience and is computer literate. He has a degree is in environmental biology and geography, a masters degree from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and has done research in West Africa. He set up his own small crafts business in Wales after spending two years in a management job. He knew, like other young "altrupreneurs", that he wanted to do "something useful and practical, and not selfish".

Distribution and sales points are crucial. "What's needed," says Black, "is a major high street presence with a social conscience which can appreciate the goodwill this can tap, and allow Charity Gift Tokens to be sold on their premises." Household names spring to mind, but Black has discovered practical snags. Banks, building societies or post offices, for instance, however well-intentioned, simply cannot afford to sacrifice counter time to the scheme.

But he remains confident Charity Gift Tokens will become part of British life. "It really is for everyone. Initially, I found a stronger positive reaction from more mature, more affluent people, often with some religious affiliation. But one fellow of my own age, living in Wales and not well off, said to me: 'I'd be thrilled to be given a Charity Gift Token. I can't normally afford to give much to charity.'"

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LEGAL BRIEF

By Andrew Likierman

Many professionals are growing increasingly anxious that their traditional relationships with clients are in danger of disintegration. The ever-increasing threat of legal action for negligence, it is said, means that exclusion clauses will proliferate and the soaring costs of professional indemnity insurance (PII) will be passed on to clients.

Faced with the financial risk to professionals and, in some cases, their surviving spouses, services may have to be withdrawn. More significantly, the relationship of trust between professionals and their clients is at risk of being soured, perhaps irrevocably so.

After representations from a number of professions, the Government set up three working parties in May 1988 to look at the facts and make recommendations. The teams covered auditors, the construction industry professions, and surveyors (other than those involved in construction). Their report has just been published.

The teams found a significant increase in the exposure of professionals to negligence claims. This seemed to be related to court decisions and a greater willingness to litigate, rather than to any discernable increase in negligence or to legislative developments. It is commonly supposed that there has been an inexorable upward trend in the costs of PII. Surprisingly, the teams found a cyclical pattern of both cost and availability.

Size made a difference. Small firms were more preoccupied with fluctuations in the cost of insurance premimums, while larger firms were preoccupied with terms and availability of cover.

Contrary to many of the hearsay stories, the study teams did not find evidence of services becoming widely unavailable. But there were indications of increasing caution – reports contained more qualifications, and there was less willingness to take on work with a high risk of negligence claims.

Overall, the aim of the report was to strike a proper balance between the interests of professionals and the interests of their clients, and to help others to anticipate the consequences of the inevitable hardening of the insurance market – which could give rise to a serious reduction in the availability of services to consumers.

Both study teams and their steering group rejected as general remedies three of the most widely canvassed courses of action – capping, limited liability, and "no fault" liability. Capping (placing a limit beyond which a professional would not normally be liable for the consequences) was rejected because no single monetary figure was felt to be appropriate for all circumstances, and because within each profession there are wide variations in the ratio of fee to negligence-related damage.

Although some professionals already have the option of turning partnerships into limited liability companies, limited liability was rejected. Corporate insolvency was felt to be no more a "solution" than personal bankruptcy. Strict ("no fault") liability, a suggestion less often canvassed, was rejected because it was found to be impractical for the professions being studied.

The key recommendation, which would be relevant not only to these professions but potentially to others, was that the Law Commission should consider changes to the general law of joint and several liability. This finding reflected the concern that while professionals might not be solely responsible for damage, they were more often insured. If other involved parties had no resources or had gone out of business, it was the professional who might be pursued first, and possibly alone meet the claim in full. The principle of just and equitable apportionment has already been included in legislation in several states of the US.

Measures specific to professions are also urged. While most professionals are able to place contractual limits on individual pieces of work, the effectiveness of such disclaimers can be doubtful. Two teams (surveyors and auditors) therefore recommend changes in contractual limits. For the construction industry professionals (and in some cases their widows and widowers), the time gap between a negligent act and a claim can pose significant insurance problems. The study team therefore recommends an unambiguous time limitation. Each of the teams also recognized the responsibilities of the professional bodies and their clients to reduce the risks of negligence and litigation.

The construction industry and surveyors teams had several common themes for improving understanding and reducing or minimizing risk. Among these were the better management of quality, clearly drafted conditions of engagement and professional guidance on good practice. They also recommended a spreading of the insured risk by changes to the requirement to hold PII.

Even as the teams completed their work, insurance premiums softened and the professional liability problem became less pressing. Yet there is a real danger that, when premiums next rise sharply, as they assuredly will during the 1990s, professionals will withdraw certain services. The Steering Group recommends action be taken in time to prevent a crisis. The Government seems disinclined to rush; the professions should act without delay.

● *Professor Andrew Likierman was Chairman of the steering group*

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NICK ROGERS



Building a dilemma: the rise in claims for negligence has provoked a call for changes in the law on liability

Courts-Martial Appeal Court — Law Report November 28 1989 — Chancery Division

Opinion evidence came from wrong person

Regina v Inch

Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Mars-Jones and Mr Justice Owen

[Judgment November 23]

A court martial should not have considered as evidence the opinion of a medical orderly that an injury had resulted from a blow from an instrument. Any necessary evidence concerning the nature of the wound should have been provided by someone qualified to express a professional opinion.

The Courts-Martial Appeal Court so held in allowing an appeal by Christopher Inch, a former gunner with the 47th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, against his conviction at a District Court Martial held at Herford, West Germany, on February 4, 1988 (Deputy Judge Advocate Berkson) of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, on which he was sentenced to nine months detention.

Mr Martyn Levett for the appellant; Mr Nigel Pitt for the Crown (neither counsel appeared below).

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said the charge arose out of an incident on February 13, 1987 outside 31 Battery Bar, Mansergh Barracks, Gutersloh, in which Bombardier Gatenby had suffered an injury to his forehead.

The prosecution had alleged that that was caused by the appellant striking him with a set of numchackers [a martial arts instrument consisting of a chain with handles on either end].

The defence case was that the injury had been caused by a collision of heads.

Bombardier Gatenby attended the medical centre where he was seen by Lance Bombardier Whitemore, who later told the court martial that in his opinion the wound had come from a blow from an instrument because of its depth and shape.

It was inconsistent with a clash of heads which would not have caused the skin to pierce to such a depth. He would not like to say if the numchackers could have caused the injury.

A pair of numchackers was found after the incident close to the scene. Those belonged to another gunner who had lent them to the appellant.

The appellant said in evidence that Bombardier Gatenby had head-butted him before taking him to the guardroom where he had complained and asked for the military police. The numchackers must have fallen from his pocket.

Mr Pitt submitted that as the appellant's counsel had not objected to Whitemore's evidence below, objection could not be taken here.

Reliance was placed on *R v Ensor* (*The Times* March 21, 1989; [1989] 1 WLR 497, 502) where Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, quoted the judgment of Lord Justice Bridge in *R v Nowac* ((1976) 65 Cr App R 107, 112):

"It was for [counsel] to make an application to sever on his own client's behalf if thought appropriate. No such application having been made there can be no basis for complaint in this court that the conspiracy and related counts were heard together in *Nowac*'s case with the specific offence counts."

So, it was submitted, the appellant was debarred from raising the issue of the evidence of Whitemore on the appeal.

Their Lordships did not agree. In *Ensor* it was said (at p497): ". . . if defending counsel in the course of his conduct of the case made a decision, or took a course which later appeared to have been mistaken or unwise, that normally would not be regarded as a proper ground for an appeal: but that if the court had any lurking doubt that the appellant might have suffered some injustice as a result of flagrantly incompetent advocacy by his advocate, the court would quash the conviction. . ."

Their Lordships did not say, to put it in the words of *Ensor*, that there had been any flagrantly incompetent advocacy but that counsel had been mistaken in not submitting that the opinion of Lance Bombardier Whitemore should not go before the court.

What had resulted was the placing before the court of allegedly expert evidence which should not have been allowed.

It might be that Bombardier Gatenby was right about the nature of the assault; it might also be that the appellant was right, he it was who had insisted that the military police be informed.

The medical evidence was probably the determining factor in the end. That led to the uneasy conclusion that the conviction was unsafe and unsatisfactory. Their Lordships ruled that the appeal must be allowed and the conviction quashed.

Solicitors: Thompson Smith & Puxon, Colchester; Director of Army Legal Services.

No property rights exist in wireless transmission waves

BBC Enterprises Ltd v Hi-Tech Xtravision Ltd and Others

Before Mr Justice Scott

[Judgment November 20]

Since no one had property rights in the waves in the ether produced by wireless telegraphic transmission the BBC could not prevent members of the public in mainland Europe from receiving programmes by means of a decoder supplied by a person other than the BBC under section 298 of the Copyright Designs and Patents Act 1988.

Mr Justice Scott so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division on a motion by Hi-Tech Xtravision Ltd to strike out the statement of claim of BBC Enterprises Ltd which had sought an injunction restraining Hi-Tech, Protel Satellite Systems Ltd, Transat Ltd and Network Communications Ltd from selling any apparatus designed to enable persons to receive the television service known as BBC TV Europe when they were not entitled to do so.

There was also a motion by BBC Enterprises Ltd seeking an interlocutory injunction in the same terms pending trial which Mr Justice Scott refused.

Section 298 of the 1988 Act provides: "(1) A person who – (a) makes charges for the reception of programmes . . . provided from . . . the United Kingdom, or (b) sends encrypted transmissions . . . from . . . the United Kingdom, is entitled to the following rights and remedies.

"(2) He has the same rights and remedies against a person who – (a) makes, imports or sells or lets for hire any apparatus or device designed or adapted to enable or assist persons to receive the programmes or other transmissions when they are not entitled to do so . . . as a copyright owner has in respect of an infringement of copyright."

Mr Richard Aikens, QC and Mr Stephen Bate for BBC Enterprises; Mr Michael Tugendhat, QC and Mr Martin Howe for Hi-Tech.

MR JUSTICE SCOTT said that BBC Enterprises was a wholly owned subsidiary of the BBC and acted as the BBC's commercial arm. Its role was to exploit outside the United Kingdom BBC television programmes. Hi-Tech carried on business in manufacturing, marketing and maintaining satellite television equipment.

BBC Enterprises operated a satellite-delivered television service known as BBC TV Europe which was transmitted by satellite for reception throughout western Europe apart from the UK.

It was only intended for reception by members of the public who had been authorized by BBC Enterprises to receive the service and who had paid the appropriate charge.

In order to ensure that unauthorized members of the European public, who did not of course pay for British BBC TV licences, who had not paid the charge did not receive the service the programme-carrying signal were encoded or encrypted. It was intended that the transmissions would only be unscrambled by means of a decoder available from BBC Enterprises and its authorized distributers.

Hi-Tech had developed equipment by which the service could be decoded and had sold those decoders to members of the European public.

BBC Enterprises sought injunctions restraining Hi-Tech on the ground that under section 298 of the 1988 Act it was unlawful for any person without the consent of BBC Enterprises, *inter alia*, to make or sell any apparatus or device designed or adapted to enable or assist persons to receive the service "when they are not entitled to do so".

Hi-Tech's answer was, conceptually at least, a simple one. Members of the public had liberty under English law to do anything they wished provided it was not prohibited by statute, that is, public law; and was not an infringement of the private rights of others, that is, rights under civil law.

The reception of wireless telegraphic transmisssions was prohibited by statute only to the extent that a licence was a prerequisite under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949. But the prohibitions imposed by the 1949 Act did not apply outside the UK.

Therefore BBC Enterprises had to rely on some private right that would be infringed by the unauthorized reception of its European broadcasts.

But as no civil right of that nature was known to the general law and none was created by the 1988 Act or any other statute the European receivers of the service were not persons "who are not entitled to do so".

BBC Enterprises' answer to that was that the words "not entitled to do so" meant not entitled as against the broadcaster, that is, unauthorized by it.

That entailed the conclusion that section 298 in effect, although not in form, had conferred on BBC Enterprises an exclusive quasi-proprietary right in the transmissions.

His Lordship rejected the BBC's argument. No one had rights of property in the waves in the ether produced by wireless telegraphic transmission. The unauthorized reception of them did not at common law represent an interference with property rights.

It was true, as Mr Aikens had pointed out, that the evident purpose of section 298 was to give adequate protection to broadcasters (see section 299(2) of the 1988 Act) and that if his construction were not adopted it would wholly fail to do so.

However, in his Lordship's view section 298, on any footing, represented inept legislation. The language of the section justified the suspicion that the legislature was under a misapprehension as to the law.

If the legislature thought that the broadcaster did have some species of rights in the waves transmitted into the ether so that reception of those waves without the consent or authority of the broadcaster would be reception by persons "not entitled to do so" the content of the section would be explicable.

But, as Viscount Simonds said in *Kirkness v John Hudson & Co Ltd* ([1955] AC 696, 714): ". . . the beliefs or assumptions of those who frame Acts of Parliament cannot make the law".

Accordingly, the foreign viewers of BBC TV Europe could not be described as persons who "are not entitled to do so" within section 298 and BBC Enterprises' statement of claim would be struck out as disclosing no cause of action against Hi-Tech.

Solicitors: Allison & Humphreys; Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens.

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Improper order to master is actual not anticipatory breach of contract

Batis Maritime Corporation v Petroleos Mediterraneo SA

Before Mr Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment November 14]

The giving by a charterer of an improper order to the master of a chartered vessel was an actual and not an anticipatory breach of contract under both a time charter and a voyage charter, there being no relevant distinction where the charterer purported to exercise a contractual right to give instructions to the vessel regarding her employment.

Mr Justice Hobhouse so held in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing the appeal of Batis Maritime Corporation, the plaintiff owners, against the decision of maritime arbitrators that while an order given to the master of the vessel, the Batis, by the defendant charterers, Petroleos Mediterraneo SA, had been an improper one and a breach of the charterparty, that breach itself had caused no damage to the owners.

The charterers nominated Hormuz as the loading port, but when the Batis having become an arrived ship and tendered her notice of readiness, they then ordered the vessel to proceed to Lavan Island on account of anticipated delays in Hormuz. The owners alleged breach of contract.

Mr Jonathan Gaisman for the owner plaintiffs, Mr Charles Priday for the defendant charterers.

MR JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said it was the submission of the owners that the giving of the order to proceed to Lavan was a breach because once Hormuz had been nominated, the contract became a contract to load at Hormuz; alternatively, that as it was not an order that they were entitled to give under the charterparty it was given in breach of it.

In *Anglo-Danubian Transport Co v Ministry of Food* ([1949] 2 All ER 1068) where the charterers, having ordered the vessel to unload at one of the ports permitted under the charterparty, purported to order her to discharge at another port, the material breach was that the charterers had failed or refused to discharge at the original port.

The view of Mr Justice Devlin was that unless the right to damages was expressly abandoned in some way, then the breach had not been waived. The treatment of the question of damages there was only consistent with actual rather than anticipatory breach.

If it had been no more than anticipatory breach then for it to have justified a claim for damages it would have had to have been accepted as putting an end to the contract.

His Lordship therefore considered it an inevitable conclusion from the decision that that had been treated as a breach of contract.

Breach was the giving of an order which was inconsistent with performance of the charterparty. The charterers contended that the decision by the arbitrators disclosed no more than anticipatory breach. In so far as they submitted that there must be an actual breach to support the owners' claim they were correct.

But the instant case was indistinguishable from that of Mr Justice Devlin so either that was wrong or the facts did disclose an actual breach which was the giving of the order.

In a time charter which made express provision for the charterers to give orders to the master of the vessel there was little difficulty in construing the contract as including an obligation not to give improper orders to the master.

In *Grace (G. W.) & Co v General Steam Navigation Co* ([1950] 2 KB 383) the dispute related to the ordering of a vessel to an unsafe port and there was at the time judicial support for the view that the inclusion of the word "safe" merely gave rise to a right to refuse to comply with an order to proceed to an unsafe port and not to damages.

In *Grace* Mr Justice Devlin had adopted the view expressed in *Temple Steamship Company Ltd v V/O Sovfracht* ([1945] 79 Lloyds 1) that the giving of an improper order could itself be a breach of a charterparty.

Where the factual and legal position was that charterers were purporting to exercise a contractual right to give instructions to the vessel, there was no relevant distinction between time and voyage charters.

On the facts and the true construction of the charterparty, the order to go to Lavan Island was an actual breach.

Solicitors: Ince & Co; Thomas Cooper & Stibbard.

THE LAW

The lonely hearts clubs

New ways are being developed for law firms to meet others with similar interests, Edward Fennell writes

As lawyers extend their geographic horizons, they need to find ways of making contacts with other lawyers, nationally and internationally. In particular, they need short cuts to identify the right kind of firms with which to do business.

Too many senior lawyers are wasting their time interviewing, or being interviewed by, their opposite numbers in other firms about mergers, referrals or joining clubs. Although these are important, there is a danger that they will monopolize the attention of the firm's management, so more efficient ways of forging links with other firms are being sought.

Two recent developments have illustrated this trend. Eurolink, the European Community network of lawyers, held its inaugural conference in London a fortnight ago, and last week the Professional Practice Index, a confidential mergers and acquisitions service, was launched by the Tooke Consultancy. Both represent a new approach to making contacts. For example, unlike the traditional international clubs, Eurolink has hundreds of members throughout the EC. This means the formal relationships are loose, and it is up to individual members to build on them as much or as little as they like. At the inaugural conference there were 110 firms from all 12 countries and individual members arrived with "shopping lists" of foreign firms with which they wanted to talk.

Underlying membership of Eurolink is a basic interest in mutual co-operation, but how deep that goes is up to the individual firm to decide. Firms need be no more committed than they wish to be. "I found the conference helpful as a way of meeting French and Dutch lawyers who could become contacts in the future," says Robert Stevenson, of Freedman's, the six-partner London firm. "It was certainly better than just picking names from a directory."



In many respects, the same principle applies to PPI. Subscribing to the service means access to information about other firms interested in mergers and aquisitions. A bulletin will be published every two months containing anonymous advertisements from law firms interested in merging or selling their practices. The anonymity will normally be maintained until just before the partners meet (although they can always back out at that stage). This enables detailed information on fee income, the number of equity partners and aims and objectives to be exchanged with the utmost discretion. The two sides strip off their masks only when it has been established that serious discussions are worthwhile.

John Ram, who runs the PPI service, says that by operating primarily as an information exchange he can remain objective about the transactions which take place. He provides information on which the firms can base their decision whether to proceed to full negotiations. The danger with agencies, he says, is that they have a vested interest in forcing through mergers to collect their fee. Ram's priority is to ensure that subscribers are well-briefed at an early stage so they can avoid time-wasting meetings. He also offers the bonus of confidentiality.

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INNS AND OUTS

The American Bar Association recently sent a 45-member delegation to tour the EC and report back on 1992 and all that. US lawyers are particularly concerned about being excluded from the bean feast by bar rules which stop them establishing firms in Europe — hence all the links the Americans are busy forging in London and Brussels. The tour concluded in London, where delegates visited the Law Society, which split them into "entertainment" groups. The City's "largest" firms, including Allen & Overy, Freshfields and Clifford Chance, had the job of entertaining one group each. The American lawyers enjoyed the chance to indulge in more "intimate" discussions. The consensus was that a major transatlantic merger will be announced in the next 18 months — and the rest will then fall like dominoes. The delegates did not formally meet any of the middle-sized firms, although it is those, notably Macfarlanes and Ashurst Morris Crisp, which have already forged concrete links with US firms.

Will initiatives by the world's environmental lawyers lead to a development of "The Law of the Atmosphere"? The first international environment conference was held in Stockholm in 1972, leading to the Law of the Sea Treaty, which addressed the problem of ocean pollution and has shaped international trade ever since. It is hoped that the United Nations' 1992 Conference on the Human Environment, already nicknamed "Stockholm II", will tackle problems of global warming and produce a similar treaty on the "Law of the Atmosphere". An outline atmospheric law was drawn up this year in Ottawa, beginning with the premise that "states have the obligation to protect and preserve the atmosphere", and suggesting a programme for international co-operation which includes the creation of standards of liability and compensation to deal with violations. Experience at the Ottawa conference, however, suggests that some countries are more interested in a comprehensive international code than others — the Germans and Dutch, for example, rejected the notion of a "Law of Atmosphere" in favour of a focus on global warming. But US lawyers have begun to observe that the global nature of environmental problems is raising new questions of expanding international legal responsibility. For example, should a country be penalized for environmental violations even if no other country can show economic harm?

Value Added Tax is a pan-European headache for most tax practitioners. The laws are supposed to be the same across the EC — but it is no surprise to learn that they are not. That has led a group of tax specialists to form Eurofisc, "an informal association of tax lawyers and tax advisers drawn from each member state". The members, which must have legal advisers on their staff, meet regularly to talk about VAT and claim it is very effective. For example, the UK Customs and Excise recently proposed new property development rules which would have cost UK business dear. Barclays Bank called in its usual adviser, Lovell White Durrant, which is also a member of Eurofisc. Within 24 hours, Lovell partner Anthony Davis claims, the members provided reports showing that the proposed rules existed in no other major EC Member State, contrary to claims made by Customs and Extise. The government backed down.

How many times do lawyers wonder how they coped before photocopiers? If they want to find out, they should ask a Venezuelan lawyer. Venezuela has just taken what one lawyer describes as "a great step forward in abolishing archaic recording procedures applicable to another era". Last month the Venezuelan government abolished a law which stated that notaries could certify the authenticity of documents only if they had been copied out in longhand — twice. From January 1, 1990 they will be allowed to authenticate photocopies, provided they are properly bound. What will happen to the scribes of Venezuela, no one knows.

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Good training is just the article

Teaching articled clerks their jobs is the responsibility of law firms, and some of them make a poor showing

It is encouraging to learn that a Law Society working party is examining the standards of training for those in articles. However, regardless of the recommendations it makes, responsibility for the provision of adequate training will continue to rest with individual law firms.

Never before has the provision of adequate training been more important. Soaring demand for increasingly sophisticated legal expertise, at a time when the profession has been bludgeoned by a recruitment crisis, has forced many firms to throw their newly qualified solicitors deep into the commercial fray at a much earlier stage. The learning curve has become steeper and the demands of experience on qualification is greater.

The varying degrees of success with which newly qualified colleagues in other firms have coped have been dictated primarily by the standard of training received in articles. This varies widely between firms and even between individuals within firms.

The Law Society concedes that its monitoring panel, which interviews selected articled clerks from every firm, has limited sanctions at its disposal in cases where serious lapses in training are revealed. "The need for confidentiality, coupled with the self-regulatory nature of the supervision of articles, limits the Law Society's ability to impose penalties", a Law Society spokeswoman says.

Given that the responsibility for training rests almost exclusively with the firms, many partners could benefit from actually reading the Law Society's *Guide for Principals Taking Articled Clerks*. This clearly identifies the problems the articled clerk is likely to encounter and sets out the responsibilities incumbent on a supervising partner or principal. It reminds the principal that "office routines and procedures will take time to learn" and that "most new articled clerks are starting work for the first time". The guide also points out that articled clerks should be given "the maximum opportunity for gaining experience". They "should be involved as much as possible in individual matters" and should be "properly supervised".

It is clear from the duties set out in the guide that the supervising partner bears a heavy responsibility for the quality of training the new arrival receives. Given the importance of the task, it is surprising that so many firms still continue to place their articled clerks with unsuitable individuals, even when their shortcomings are already widely known throughout the firm.

The justification for these placements normally falls into the category of "she is a fine lawyer" or "he is the head of the department". Yet the criteria (which my firm has now adopted) should be: can he or she completely train an articled clerk?

An articled clerk chained to a capricious captor is in an unenviable position. The relationship between them is completely unbalanced; the articled clerk's position is undermined by his lack of experience and near total depeudence on the partner for guidance. In such circumstances, the unenthusiastic partner usually disregards the articled clerk's training requirements.

The Law Society emphasizes the importance of regular meetings between the articled clerks and principals, presumably to contain such abuses, but the principal is normally in a different department and often has little idea of the type of training the articled clerk should be receiving. Many firms simply rely on the Law Society checklists as a guide.

However, in City firms, checklists bear only a faint resemblance to the type of work many articled clerks undertake. More firms should produce their own checklists which accurately reflect the type of experience the articled clerk is expected to obtain.

The Law Society has given an important lead which law firms must follow. If the same imagination and initiative used to recruit articled clerks were employed in their training, it is possible the present Law Society working party would not be in session.

Ian Hunter

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HORIZONS

Working in the last great wilderness

Marine biology is a promising field, with new opportunities in the commercial sphere, Bernardine Coverley reports

Every company wants to be considered serious about green issues. "And this," says Andrew Girling, senior scientist in marine biology at Shell's research centre in Sittingbourne, Kent, "has created a demand for environmental scientists".

Although David Bellamy, the ecologist and writer, calls the sea "our last great wilderness", it has enormous importance as a source of food and industrial products. The sea continues to be used to dispose of waste products, at times by accident, so exploitation and conservation now have common concerns.

Marine biology covers any field involving marine organisms, their structure, behaviour, inter-dependence and reaction to changes. Though it relates specifically to salt-water life, the environmental sciences often overlap in practice. Most industrial effluent, including sewage, finds its way to the sea eventually through the cycle of river and estuary or as concentrations of agricultural chemicals washed through the soil.

From the time he first dangled a worm on a pin, Girling followed his own particular interests in the aquatic and this led to a degree course in the then new discipline of Ecology at Lancaster University. Girling enjoyed the broader but no less rigorous scientific education that ecology offered, and in this department specialized in aquatic life.

Further studies at the zoology department in Glasgow led to a thesis studying the physical and chemical elements in coastal sand and how this determines the numbers and types of marine organisms living there.

At that time, graduates in the sciences were suffering from the ripple effect of research cuts and it was a relatively narrow and competitive world. Now a marine biologist can consider career options in a wide variety of commercial companies, most obviously oil and fisheries and, despite cuts, in newly green Government departments. With research and conservation programmes and the new National Rivers Authorities, underwater life is starting to have a new status.

A pale fish, transferred from African seas, swims in a tank in Girling's office. Its destination is the laboratory, where tests monitor toxicity and accumulation of substances in tissue. The research centre tests are commissioned by other companies in Shell's international network and use marine life from tropical as well as temperate zones.

JOHN MITCHELL



Green experimenter: Andrew Girling, senior scientist in marine biology at Shell's Kent research centre

Girling's responsibility is to design experiments and to set up tests under controlled conditions to predict what effects may occur in the real world.

"We take representatives of each stage in the food chain of an ecosystem — algae, water fleas, rainbow trout — a cross-section, to examine, for example, at what level concentrations of oily components accumulate, and in which organisms in the chain," he says. In the real world of oil extraction, a certain amount of waste water laced with oil is discharged back into the sea. Tests such as these provide data for good industrial behaviour and for nationally and internationally agreed standards.

The bodies that set these standards rely on scientists who, as well as providing tested information, can assess what is practicable. Girling represents Shell Research Limited on the British Standards Institute and the International Standards Organization.

The European Community system of regulation requires data on any new product to confirm that the product is environmentally acceptable before it can be sold.

Working at Shell's research centre offers the opportunity for research other than that which is product-based, as well as providing data in the laboratory for related companies.

Should Girling or colleagues with similar experience want to move on, several companies within the Shell Group would offer scope for a marine biologist, including the health, safety and environment department, based in The Hague, or exploration and development, in Aberdeen. Outside the oil companies, independent contract laboratories provide similar testing facilities..

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Maff) runs three-day recruitment courses for specialists and the Fisheries Research programme employs marine biologists in its main laboratory at Lowestoft (affiliated to the University of East Anglia) on research into marine ecology and fish biology.

For the scientists who like to get down to basics, Maff's research ships travel as far as the Barents Sea, in the Arctic, to assess stocks and take biological samples. The Marine Laboratory at Aberdeen is the Scottish counterpart and has a similar programme of field and laboratory work.

Sheila Anderson works at the Sea Mammal Research Unit (SMRU) in Cambridge. Her studies of the grey seal are based partly on a request for scientific information from the Fisheries Department for Scotland.

There appears to be a clash between fishing by man and fishing by marine mammals, and Anderson has just returned from a field trip to monitor a special project which aims to collect data by following a number of seals over several years to assess the impact on fish stocks and to understand more about energy needs in the seal reproductive cycle. Anderson, after studying zoology at London University, worked for the Natural Environment Research Council, studying coastal birds and their estuarine food supplies, such as lugworms, molluscs and a myriad other sand and mud-flat creatures. Five years later, she moved to her present research post.

In contrast to laboratory work for industry, Anderson's research is based on her work in the field, where experience in handling a boat and diving come in useful. Resistance to wind and weather and tactful handling of seals are also part of the job. Some colleagues have experience of handling boats or are qualified drivers.

As part of a small unit, she collaborates in work concerning SMRU as a whole, and she is happy to see that the higher profile of environmental protection and concern over pollution has resulted in more funds for marine research.

- *People interested in a career in marine biology may obtain information from the Institute of Environmental & Biological Sciences, Lancaster University; School of Environmental Sciences, University of East Anglia.*
- Guide to Inshore Marine Life, *by David Erwin and Bernard Picton (£9.95), is published by the Marine Conservation Society, 9 Gloucester Road, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 5BY.*
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CRICKET: NEW ZEALAND LOOK TO THEIR FIRST-INNINGS HERO FOR A REPEAT PEFORMANCE

Greatbatch refuses to be removed

Perth (Reuter) — Australia's push for victory in the Test against New Zealand was held up on the fourth day yesterday by Mark Greatbatch, who stubbornly repulsed a five-pronged pace attack for five hours.

Greatbatch, top scorer with 76 in the first innings, made 69 not out to help the touring side to 168 for four in their second innings at the close, after they followed on 290 behind.

New Zealand, who go in to today's final day needing 122 to make Australia bat again, were earlier all out for 231 in reply to Australia's first innings of 521 for nine declared.

Jeff Crowe, for once outshining his illustrious younger brother, Martin, scored 42 not out and dominated an unbroken fifth-wicket stand of 61 with Greatbatch, a left-hander who has launched his international career impressively. He has scored one century and five 50s in seven Tests.

With the second new ball due in six overs, New Zealand will be looking to Greatbatch to bat for most of the final day as Australia press for their sixth victory in nine Tests.

Resuming at 218 for eight in their first innings, New Zealand soon lost Morrison for three to a fine catch by Border at third slip off Lawson. Two balls later the Border-Lawson combination should have removed Watson but the Australian captain dropped an easy catch.

Alderman took his third wicket of the innings by having Watson lbw for four. Alderman finished with three for 73 and Hughes with four for 51.

Border made amends for his earlier error with a magnificent slip catch to dismiss Wright, the captain, at the start of New Zealand's second innings.

Wright, on three, edged Lawson into several yards of space in the slip cordon but Border hurled himself to his left to take the catch parallel to the ground.

Border has now taken 120 catches in Test cricket, equal with Colin Cowdrey, the former captain of England. Greg Chappell, the former captain of Australia, leads the list with 122.

When Vance, the opening batsman, followed his first-innings failure by being caught by Alderman in the slips off Rackemann for eight, New Zealand were in deep trouble at 11 for two.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA: First innings 521 for 9 dec (D C Boon 200, D M Jones 99, T M Moody 61, A R Border 50; M C Snedden 4 for 108, D K Morrison 4 for 145).

NEW ZEALAND: First innings

*J G Wright b Rackemann 34
R H Vance b Alderman 4
M J Greatbatch c Healy b Hughes 76
M D Crowe lbw b Alderman 62
D N Patel c Boon b Hughes 0
J J Crowe c Healy b Rackemann 7
†I D S Smith c Lawson b Hughes 11
C Cairns c Healy b Hughes 1
M C Snedden not out 13
D K Morrison c Border b Lawson 3
W Watson lbw b Alderman 4
Extras (b 1, lb 6, w 4, nb 5) 16
Total 231

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-84, 3-173, 4-178, 5-191, 6-204, 7-208, 8-212, 9-231.

BOWLING: Alderman 25.4-7-73-3 (2 nb); Lawson 22-5-54-1 (4 w); Rackemann 20-4-38-2 (2 nb); Hughes 20-7-51-4 (1 nb); Moody 4-1-6-0, Border 1-0-1-0.

Second innings

*J G Wright c Border b Lawson 3
R H Vance c Alderman b Rackemann 8
M J Greatbatch not out 69
M D Crowe c Taylor b Moody 30
D N Patel lbw b Alderman 7
J J Crowe not out 42
Extras (lb-7 nb-2) 9
Total (4 wkts) 168

†I D S Smith, C Cairns, M C Snedden, D K Morrison and W Watson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-11, 3-79, 4-107.

BOWLING: Alderman 19-8-44-1; Lawson 17-7-36-1; Rackemann 16-11-12-1 (2 nb); Hughes 14-2-41-0; Moody 8-2-11-1; Border 5-2-17-0.

Greatbatch and Martin Crowe attempted to repeat their first-innings performance when they put on 89 for the third wicket, but Crowe looked out of sorts against Hughes and Lawson, who verbally vented his anger on Crowe when his appeal for a bat-pad catch was turned down just before lunch.

It was no surprise when Crowe fell for 30, although the manner of his dismissal was somewhat unexpected, with Moody picking up his first Test wicket on his debut as Crowe nicked a good-length ball to Taylor in the slips.

Dipak Patel, out for nought in the first innings, went six runs better this time before falling leg-before to Alderman. Then Jeff Crowe, who hit seven boundaries, and Greatbatch started righting the New Zealand ship.

● New Zealand have angrily rejected suggestions made on radio by Norman O'Neill, the former Australian Test batsman, that Danny Morrison, the fast bowler, has a suspect action (AFP reports).

"I've never heard the suggestion before — it's rubbish," Bob Cunis, the New Zealand coach, said. "I don't know what Norm bases his opinion on and I'm surprised at his making a comment like that."

Cunis said Morrison's bouncer was always quicker. "He runs in twice as fast when he bowls it," he said. "I consider his action as orthodox as anybody's I've seen. It's a fluent, flowing action."



An Australian success: Alderman salutes dismissing Vance, of New Zealand, in the Test

GOLF

Statistics demonstrate how Lyle lost his way

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

The declining fortunes of Sandy Lyle in 1989 are underlined by a statistical breakdown of how he has lost his way in all departments of the game, with the exception of putting.

Lyle is recognized as an erratic driver, which is why he so often turns to the one-iron, but in the past he has frequently recovered from awkward positions with unfailing skill.

This was not the case during a European season which saw Lyle plummet from fifth place in the Volvo Order of Merit to 53rd. Lyle hit only 51 per cent of fairways, and that goes part of the way towards explaining his problems.

What further aggravated the situation was that he hit only 60 per cent of the greens in regulation, causing him to tumble from sixth to 56th place in that category, and he saved par from bunkers only 46 per cent of the time (seventh to 31st).

Peter McEvoy, the twice amateur champion whose company, Sporting Concepts Ltd, organizes the charts that are sanctioned by the PGA European Tour, says: "The big area where Sandy has regressed significantly is in Greens in Regulation. He actually finished last of those players who played sufficient qualifying rounds on the Volvo Tour.

"This is either because of poorer iron play, or a reflection of the fact that he is hitting the ball in deep trouble off the tee. The Philips statistics confirm that Sandy is making a wise decision to stop and start afresh."

The statistics also confirm that Sam Torrance made an even wiser decision in electing to switch from a conventional putter to the broom-handle version with which he has played for most of the season.

Torrance finished 51st in the Order of Merit in 1988 but he climbed back to eleventh, retaining his Ryder Cup place, by improving his position in the putts per round category from 87th to seventh.

José-María Olazábal, of Spain, was the clear winner of the putting category. He averaged 28.75 putts per round, which placed him ahead of Ronan Rafferty, who was second with 28.75.

Mark James can trace his good showing in 1989 — he won three times — to consistency. He hit more fairways (70.2 per cent) than any other player and he was second only to Rafferty in greens hit in regulation.

Severiano Ballesteros and Nick Faldo did not play sufficient rounds to be included in the statistics. In theory, however, Ballesteros would have finished second in putting, while Faldo would have been outside the top 10 in four of the five categories.

1989 EUROPEAN TOUR STATISTICS

	DRIVING DISTANCE	Yds
1	E Romero	276
2	M Davis	275
	S Torrance	275
4	E Darcy	273
5	D Cooper	271
	M Mouland	271
	I Woosnam	271
8	H Clark	270
	R Drummond	270
	P Senior	270
	P Walton	270
12	G Brand jun	269
	B Lane	269
14	J Parnevik	268
	Grant Turner	268
16	M Allen	267
	P Fowler	267
	A Lyle	267
	M McNulty	267
	M Persson	267
	R Rafferty	267
	V Singh	267
23	M Lanner	266
	J-M Olazábal	266
	O Sellberg	266
	Other	
(31)	S Ballesteros	262
(42)	N Faldo	259

	FAIRWAYS HIT	%
1	M James	70.2
2	K Brown	69.5
3	S McAllister	69
4	J Rivero	68
5	S Bennett	67
6	J-M Cañizares	65
	E Romero	65
	Grant Turner	65
10	R Boxall	64
	E Darcy	64
	M Lanner	64
	J-M Olazábal	64
14	H Clark	63
	R Hartmann	63
	A Murray	63
	R Rafferty	63
19	G J Brand	62
	N Hansen	62
	S Torrance	62
22	G Brand jun	61
	D Durnian	61
	M Roe	61
25	J Haas	60
	C Mason	60
	F Nobilo	60
	C Parry	60
	M Poxon	60
	O Sellberg	60
	Other	
(8)	S Ballesteros	67
(14)	N Faldo	69

	SAND SAVES	%
1	R Chapman	68
2	R Drummond	64
3	C O'Connor jun	63
	J Van de Velde	63
5	M McNulty	62
	B Ogle	62
7	V Fernandez	61
	P Fowler	61
9	A Murray	57
	J-M Olazábal	57
11	G J Brand	56
	D Smyth	56
	S Torrance	56
14	K Brown	54
	C Parry	54
	R Rafferty	54
	M Smith	54
18	R Hartmann	52
19	V Singh	51
20	G Brand jun	50
	J-M Cañizares	50
	M James	50
	J Parnevik	50
24	M Lanner	48
	I Woosnam	48
	Other	
(31)	S Ballesteros	46
(16)	N Faldo	53

	GREENS IN REGULATION	%
1	R Rafferty	74
2	M James	73
	I Woosnam	73
4	E Romero	72
5	G Brand jun	71
	C O'Connor jun	71
7	H Clark	70
	D Cooper	70
	M Lanner	70
	J Rivero	70
	S Torrance	70
12	E Darcy	69
	P Fowler	69
	J Haas	69
	S McAllister	69
	F Nobilo	69
	B Ogle	69
	C Parry	69
	M Roe	69
	O Sellberg	69
	P Senior	69
	V Singh	69
23	M Allen	68
	J Parnevik	68
	M Smith	68
26	J-M Cañizares	67
	M Clayton	67
	D Feherty	67
	R Hartmann	67
	B Lane	67
	M McNulty	67
	M Mouland	67
	J-M Olazábal	67
	M Persson	67
	Grant Turner	67
	Other	
(4)	S Ballesteros	72
(2)	N Faldo	74

	PUTTS/ROUND	Avg
1	J-M Olazábal	28.75
2	R Rafferty	29.38
3	R Boxall	29.42
4	M Davis	29.47
	V Singh	29.47
6	R Chapman	29.50
7	J-M Cañizares	29.56
	S Torrance	29.56
9	G J Brand	29.63
	M Allen	29.63
11	M Lanner	29.64
12	N Hansen	29.81
	A Lyle	29.81
14	H Clark	29.82
15	D Feherty	29.83
16	A Murray	29.86
17	F Nobilo	29.90
18	R Drummond	30.00
	M James	30.00
	B Ogle	30.00
21	D Smyth	30.11
22	P Walton	30.14
23	D Cooper	30.17
	Other	
(2)	S Ballesteros	29.38
(12)	N Faldo	29.79

Ballesteros and Faldo did not play sufficent rounds to be included in statistics.

● *Compiled by Philips Mobile Communications Statistics*

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Broncos gallop to divisional title

By Robert Kirley

At the start of the National Football League season, the Denver Broncos were barely fancied as play-off material, let alone Super Bowl contenders. On Sunday the Broncos defeated the Seattle Seahawks 41-14 and became the first team to advance to the play-offs by winning the American Football Conference West division.

John Elway played only the first half but connected on 10 of 19 passes for 217 yards and four touchdowns (four, 10, 32 and nine yards). The Broncos made life miserable for the Seahawks by notching eight sacks and forcing four turnovers. By earning the divisional title after 12 games, the Broncos equalled the swiftness record, set by Buffalo last season.

Largent, of Seattle, made his 99th touchdown catch, equalling the career record set by Don Hutson, of the Packers, in 1945.

Kelly completed three scoring passes as the **Buffalo Bills** beat the **Cincinnati Bengals** 24-7. Cincinnati, Super Bowl runners-up last season, have lost three of their last four games.

Majkowski hit Sharpe with two scoring passes (26 and 35 yards) and Jacke kicked two field goals to lead the Green Bay **Packers** past the **Minnesota Vikings** 20-19. The Packers pulled level with Minnesota in the National Football Conference Central division.

Meanwhile, the **Chicago Bears**, the long-time power in the division, were pounded 38-14 by the **Washington Redskins**, nobody's idea of a great team. Rypien completed four touchdown passes and the Redskins outscored the Bears 24-0 in the second half. Chicago have lost six of their last eight games.

Lansford hit a 31-yard field goal in overtime and Anderson set a league record with 336 receiving yards to lead the **Los Angeles Rams** past the **New Orleans Saints** 20-17. Los Angeles scored two touchdowns in the last three minutes to force overtime.

RESULTS: Sunday: NY Jets 27, Atlanta 7; Buffalo 24, Cincinnati 7; Kansas City 34, Houston 0; Indianapolis 10, San Diego 6; Green Bay 20, Minnesota 19; Pittsburgh 34, Miami 14; LA Raiders 24, New England 21; Washington 38, Chicago 14; Denver 41, Seattle 14; Tampa Bay 14, Phoenix 13; LA Rams 20, New Orleans 17 (OT).

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	T	PF	PA
Buffalo Bills	8	4	0	327	257
Miami Dolphins	7	5	0	242	274
Indianapolis Colts	6	6	0	211	208
New England Patriots	4	8	0	235	292
New York Jets	3	9	0	219	306
Central division					
Cleveland Browns	7	4	1	270	173
Houston Oilers	7	5	0	295	294
Cincinnati Bengals	6	6	0	284	225
Pittsburgh Steelers	6	6	0	177	271
West division					
x-Denver Broncos	10	2	0	289	177
Los Angeles Raiders	6	6	0	249	213
Kansas City Chiefs	5	6	1	231	218
San Diego Chargers	4	8	0	189	215
Seattle Seahawks	4	8	0	177	248

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East division	W	L	T	PF	PA
New York Giants	9	2	0	244	170
Philadelphia Eagles	8	4	0	247	203
Washington Redskins	6	6	0	271	247
Phoenix Cardinals	5	7	0	220	284
Dallas Cowboys	1	11	0	153	308
Central division					
Green Bay Packers	7	5	0	282	281
Minnesota Vikings	7	5	0	235	198
Chicago Bears	6	6	0	297	257
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	5	7	0	258	318
Detroit Lions	3	9	0	200	302
West division					
San Francisco 49ers	9	2	0	308	182
Los Angeles Rams	8	4	0	302	249
New Orleans Saints	6	6	0	279	235
Atlanta Falcons	3	9	0	198	309

x Has won division championship.
● Does not include last night's game: NY Giants at San Francisco.

FIXTURES: Sunday: Cincinnati at Cleveland; Green Bay at Tampa Bay; Houston at Pittsburgh; Indianapolis at New England; LA Rams at Dallas; Miami at Kansas City; New Orleans at Detroit, Philadelphia at NY Giants; San Francisco at Atlanta; Denver at LA Raiders; NY Jets at San Diego; Washington at Phoenix; Chicago at Minnesota. Monday: Buffalo at Seattle.

BASKETBALL

England hopefuls on show

By Nicholas Harling

England's programme in the semi-finals of the European championship left the Carlsberg League with just one match at the weekend. That game, at Derby where the home team beat Solent Stars 87-73, was dominated by talk of England and by players who have either been discarded by England or feel they should be improving England's fortunes.

The arrival in the Midlands of Ken Scott, from New York, where he narrowly failed to be drafted by New York Knicks in the National Baskbetball Association, has ended a long search by Ron Whitehead, Derby's American player-coach. A 6ft 9in forward, aged 23, Scott's career in England has fluctuated since Kingston broke the transfer record to sign him from Birmingham three years ago.

A year's ban from the national team followed after Scott cried off at short notice from travelling with the England squad to Greece. He was restored to the national team last year, although he was left in limbo for more than half the season with Olympic City Giants after a discrepancy in his transfer to Glasgow Rangers.

When Giants amalgamated with Manchester Eagles in the summer, Scott took off to New York.

Scott scored only seven points against Solent, contributed nine rebounds and seven blocked shots. "He's a fantastic athlete," Whitehead said. "I know he will fit in with us. He's in good shape. He will lead the league in blocked shots. He will give us things we didn't have before."

Whitehead's hope is that he can harness the talents and strength of Scott with another England exile, Trevor Gordon, who scored 13 points.

"My job is to get Kenny and Trevor working well together inside," he said. "That will be their domain. If they establish themselves there we will be a very good team. But I'm surprised neither of them or Tim Lascelles [15 points] are in the England team."

There were more plaudits for Drew Sewell, whose 39 points for Solent not only averted a more embarrassing defeat for the league's bottom club but maintained the 6ft 5in forward — also overlooked by England — as the league's second highest scorer this season.

"Drew was magnificent," Martin Shaw, the Derby secretary, said. "What England lack at present is a quality shooter. I would champion Drew's cause."

The only blot on Derby's night was an ankle injury to Whitehead after he had scored 23 points. It was so painful yesterday that he has almost resigned himself to sitting out when Derby receive Leicester next Saturday.

● Mark Hubbard hit eight three-pointers in his 31 points for Worthing Bears in their 112-80 victory over Plymouth Raiders in the National League first division.

Sri Lanka beaten by an innings

Melbourne (Reuter) — Sri Lanka collapsed from 63 for two overnight, following on 189 behind, to 186 all out to lose by an innings and three runs on the final day of their four-day game against Victoria.

Gamani Wickremasinghe, the nightwatchman, produced the slowest run-scoring performance in Australian cricket when he went 111 minutes without scoring a run.

VICTORIA: First innings 507 for 6 dec (W B Phillips 134, S J O'Donnell 121, J Siddons 113).

SRI LANKANS: First innings 318 (A Ranatunga 75, J R Ratnayake 65, A P Gurusinghe 55, P A de Silva 54; D Fleming 4-74).

Second innings

R S Mahanama c Frazer b O'Donnell 12
D Ranatunga c Frazer b Jackson 46
A Gurusinha st Dimattina b McIntyre 5
G Wickremasinghe st Dimattina b McIntyre 13
P A de Silva c Fleming b McIntyre 22
S Jayasuriya c Dimattina b Jackson 34
J R Ratnayake run out 26
E A R de Silva c Parker b McIntyre 15
R J Ratnayake b Reiffel 4
K Wijegunawardene not out 1
A Ranatunga absent injured 0
Extras (b 3, lb 3, nb 2) 8
Total 186

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-47, 3-74, 4-96, 5-114, 6-144, 7-172, 8-184, 9-186.

BOWLING: Reiffel 19.1-9-22-1; Fleming 10-2-22-0; O'Donnell 9-3-13-1; McIntyre 39-18-56-4; Jackson 31-16-59-2; Siddons 2-1-8-0.

Azharuddin returns to form when India needs him most

From Qamar Ahmed, Faisalabad

By the end of the fourth day's play in the second Test match at Iqbal stadium, India had scored 164 for two, wiping off a threatening lead of 135 runs after Pakistan had declared their first innings half an hour after lunch at 423 for nine.

India will have to bat at least two full sessions on the final day to achieve a draw. Sanjay Manjrekar and Mohammad Azharuddin showed how that can be done with a dour unbroken stand of 73 for the third wicket.

The Pakistan attack is handicapped by injury to Saleem Jaffer, their medium pacer, who has a pulled muscle in the right arm. The wicket is double-paced, but nothing alarming has happened so far and India could get out of this unscathed.

They will be aiming for a lead of 200 or so by tea. By the time the mandatory overs begin the light will be fading.

It had seemed that India might end the day's play on a gloomy note after Srikkanth was beaten by Wasim Akram for 13 within half an hour of India opening their second innings.

Sidhu, his partner, nearly played on to Imran, the ball almost hitting the stumps off his pad. Sidhu, aggressive but impetuous, later played a few delightful strokes through the covers to settle down and see India off at tea without further damage.

After tea, however, Sidhu got himself into a tangle. Resuming at 44, he soon completed his fifty, with six fours in 84 minutes, but taking the third run he was out when Manjrekar did not respond, turning his back instead of looking at the runner.

India were 91 for two and in dire straits. But the out-of-form Azharuddin, facing a pair, was soon in his stride, flicking, guiding and driving the ball with immaculate timing.

In the morning Pakistan had resumed at 338 for six, leading India by 50 runs. They added 66 runs in the pre-lunch session, losing Imran for 34 off Prabhakar. After lunch Pakistan had declared after losing two more wickets, Nadeem Abbasi for 36 and Wasim Akram, who made 28. Prabhakar took two more wickets during the day to finish with six for 132.

INDIA: First innings 288.

INDIA: Second innings

*K S Srikkanth b Wasim Akram 13
N S Sidhu run out 51
S V Manjrekar not out 43
M Azharuddin not out 48
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 1) 9
Total (2 wkts) 164

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-91.

BOWLING: Imran 12-1-61-0, Akram 17-3-48-1, Anjum 4-1-15-0, Qadir 11-2-32-0.

PAKISTAN: First innings

Aamer Malik c and b Prabhakar 117
Ramiz Raja c Srikkanth b Prabhakar 58
Shoaib Mohammad lbw b Kapil Dev 24
Javed Miandad lbw b Prabhakar 13
Salim Malik lbw b Prabhakar 63
*Imran Khan c Azharuddin b Prabhakar 34
†Naved Anjum c More b Kapil Dev 12
Nadeem Abbasi c More b Kapil Dev 36
Wasim Akram c Tendulkar b Prabhaker 28
Abdul Qadir not out 5
Saleem Jaffer not out 0
Extras (b2, lb9, nb14, w8) 33
Total (for 9 dec) 423

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-105, 2-157, 3-193, 4-289, 5-307, 6-331, 7-368, 8-409.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 45-11-106-3; Prabahakar 32.3-4-132-6; Razdan 13-1-62-0; Maninder Singh 21-4-70-0; Shastri 9-0-29-0; Srikkanth 2-0-13-0.

● FAISALABAD (AFP) — Chandu Borde, the Indian manager, said yesterday that he had asked the Board of Cricket Control in India to find a replacement for Salil Ankola, the medium-pace bowler.

Neale to be captain on club's tour

Phil Neale, the captain of Worcestershire, the county champions, will lead a club side on a 17-day tour of Zimbabwe this winter (Chris Moore writes).

Neale, the Britannic Assurance Player of the Year, will captain the Worcestershire club, Barnt Green, who celebrated their centenary this year by winning the Debenham Tewson Midland Championship at their first attempt.

Neale, who is spending the winter employed as a marketing manager for the Barnt Green chairman, Bernard Hampson, is organizing the trip to coincide with the England A team tour to Zimbabwe in February.

He was one of the leading contenders to captain the England side until the position was given to Mark Nicholas.

"With Steve Rhodes and Richard Illingworth in the England squad, the original idea was to take a party of supporters out there just to watch the cricket," Neale said.

● Alistair Fraser, the brother of the England medium-fast bowler, Angus, has left Middlesex and joined Essex on a two-year contract.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL: MARTIN VASQUEZ AT CENTRE OF SEVEN-GOAL ROUT BY SPANISH CHAMPIONS

Real Madrid retain lead and regain true form

By Keith Blackmore

Real Madrid found something like the form expected of them at the weekend, beating **Real Zaragoza** 7-2 and maintaining their three-point lead at the top of the Spanish first division table.

Two of their goals came from the Mexican forward, Sanchéz, who is the leading scorer in the league with 14, six more than Koeman, of Barcelona, most of whose goals have come from penalties.

But the outstanding performer on view at the Bernebéu on Saturday was generally agreed to be Martin Vásquez, who dominated the midfield, scoring the fourth goal himself.

Barcelona, meanwhile, made hard work of beating **Sporting Gijon** and retaining second place. They made no impression until Bakero moved up from midfield at half-time to take the place of Salinas, and he made the first of two unanswered goals for Fernandez.

Hugo Maradona was among the scorers for the bottom team, **Rayo Vallecano**, in their remarkable 4-4 draw with **Atlético Madrid**. Baltazar de Morais, the leading scorer in Spain last season, scored twice for Atlético.

Hugo's brother, Diego, having at last resolved his various disputes with **Naples**, steered them to a 1-1 draw with **Juventus** in Turin.

Even a draw was enough to extend Naples' lead to three points, as **Inter Milan** lost to **Atalanta**, their second consecutive defeat. But **AC Milan** beat **Lecce** 2-0, one of their goals coming from a penalty by van Basten, and joined Inter, Juventus and **Sampdoria**, who beat **Bologna** 3-0.

The Dutch first division table is beginning to take on a familiar look. **Ajax** moved into second place on Sunday by beating **Willem II**. Their goal came from Fischer but he was replaced near the end by the Swede, Petersson, who had been inactive for seven months because of a knee injury.

They trail **PSV Eindhoven** on goal difference but there is no shame in that: PSV have scored 50 goals in their 14 games and that total does not, of course, include the five they put past Steaua Bucharest in the home leg of a European Cup-tie. Romario scored both their goals in the win against **Fortuna Sittard**, the second being his fourteenth in nine matches.

Bordeaux continue to lead in France, their 3-1 victory against **Racing Paris** extending the gap between them and Marseilles to three points.

The West German first division did not, as erroneously reported here, break for the winter last week but **Bayern Munich** might wish that it had. They were beaten 4-0 by **Nuremburg** and lost their place at the top of the table to **Cologne**, who beat Bochum 2-1.

OVERSEAS LEAGUE RESULTS

ARGENTINIAN: Newell's Old Boys 3, Chaco 2; Union 2, Racing (Cordoba) 0; Instituto (Cordoba) 2, San Lorenzo de Almagro 2; Platense 1, Talleres (Cordoba) 1; Argentinos Juniors 1, Racing Club 2; Boca Juniors 2, Gimnasia Esgrima La Plata 3; Estudiantes de la Plata 2, River Plate 1; Independiente 0, Deportivo Espanol 1; Ferro Caril Oeste 0, Velez Sarsfield 0; Deportivo Mandiyu (Corrientes) 0, Rosario Central 1.

AUSTRIAN: Vorwaerts Steyr 0, Rapid Vienna 1; Sturm Graz 2, Wiener Sportclub 1; Austria Salzburg 1, St Poelten 1; Krems SC 5, Admira Wacker 0; Austria Vienna 0, Tyrol 0; Vienna 7, GAK 1. **Leading positions** (after 20 matches): 1, Tyrol, 32pts; 2, Austria Vienna, 28; 3, Admira Wacker, 25.

BELGIAN: Mechelen 1, Beveren 0; Anderlecht 0, FC Bruges 0; St Trond 2, La Gantoise 1; Beerschot 0 RC Mechelen 0; Standard Liege 0, Courtrai 0; Lokeren 1, Lierse 3; Cercle Bruges 1, Ekeren 1; Waregem 2, Charleroi 2; Royal Antwerp 1, FC Liege 1. **Leading positions** (after 14 matches): 1, Mechelen, 21; 2, Anderlecht, 20; 3, FC Bruges, 20.

DUTCH: Maastricht VV 1, Feyenoord 1; PSV Eindhoven 2, Fortuna Sittard 0; Nimegen 0, Roda JC 1; Ajax 1, Willem II 0; Volendam 1, Vitesse 0; Waalwijk 3, Utrecht 3; Twente 2, Haarlem 2; Sparta 3, Groningen 0; Den Haag 3, Den Bosch 1. **Leading positions:** 1, PSV Eindhoven (after 14 matches), 21; 2, Ajax (after 15), 20; 3, Roda FC (after 15), 20.

EAST GERMAN: Dynamo Dresden 3, Energie Cottbus 0; Chemie Halle 0, Magdeburg 5; Karl Marx Stadt 3, Stahl Brandeburg 0; Dynamo Berlin 1, Fortschritt Bischofswerd 0; Stahl Eisenhuttenstadt 2, Lokomotiv Leipzig 2; Carl Zeiss Jena 1, Rot-Weiss Erfurt 0; Hansa Rostock 2 Wismut Aue 1. **Leading positions** (after 12 matches): 1, Magdeburg, 18pts; 2, Dynamo Dresden, 19; 3, Dynamo Berlin, 16.

FRENCH: Nantes 0, Marseilles 0; St Etienne 0, Caen 0; Lille 1, Brest 2; Toulouse 0, Lyon 0; Sochaux 1, Monaco 0; Metz 0, Paris Saint-Germain 1; Toulon 0, Cannes 1; Nice 1, Auxerre 1; Montpellier 3, Mulhouse 3; Racing Paris 1, Bordeaux 3. **Leading positions** (after 20 matches): 1, Bordeaux, 32pts; 2, Marseille, 29; 3, Sochaux, 24.

GREEK: Levadiakos 1, Xanthi 0; AEK 2, Ionikos 0; Panathinaikos 5, Volos 1; Prionios 2, Ethnikos 0; Olympiakos 2, Larissa 1; Apollon 0, Panserraikos 0; Kalamaria 2, OFI Crete 0; Aris 3, Iraklis 1; Doxa Drama 0, PAOK 2. **Leading positions** (after 11 matches): 1, AEK, 17; 2, Panathinaikos, 17; 3, Olympiakos, 17.

HUNGARIAN: Raba ETO Gyor 1, Siofok 1; Budapest Honved 2, Csepel 1; Veszprem 0 Videoton 0; Pecs 3, Vac Izzo 0; Tatabanya 1, Ujpest Dozsa 3; Vasas 0, Debrecen 0; MTK VM 3, Ferencvaros 0; Haladas 0, Bekescsaba 1. **Leading positions** (after 16 matches): 1, Ujpest Dozsa, 37; 2, MTK VM, 35; 3, Pecs, 33.

ITALIAN: Ascoli 0, Cremonese 1; Atalanta 2, Inter Milan 1; Bari 3, Udinese 1; Cesena 1, Fiorentina 1; Juventus 1, Naples 1; Lazio 0, Genoa 0; AC Milan 2, Lecce 0; Sampdoria 3, Bologna 0; Verona 2, Roma 2. **Leading positions** (after 13 matches): 1, Napoli, 20pts; 2, Sampdoria, 17; 3, AC Milan, 16.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Athlone Town 1, St Patrick's Athletic 0; Bohemians 4, Drogheda United 0; Cork City 1, Shamrock Rovers 1; Dundalk 3, Galway United 0; Limerick City 3, University College, Dublin 1; Shelbourne 0, Derry City 0. **Leading positions** (after 14 matches): 1, Derry City, 24pts; 2, St Patrick's A, 22; 3, Dundalk, 17.

POLISH: Katowice 1, Widzew Lodz 0; Gornik Zabrze 2, Motor Lublin 0; Lech Poznan 1, Legia Warszawa 1; Wisla Krakow 2, Zaglebie Lubin 1; Slask Wroclaw 2, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 1; Lodz 0, Zawisza Bydgoszcz 0; Stal Mielec 1, Ruch Chorzow 0; Jagiellonia Bialystok 0, Olimpia Poznan 2. **Leading positions** (after 15 matches): 1, Katowice, 24pts; 2, Zaglebie Lubin, 22; 3, Ruch Chorzow, 19.

PORTUGUESE: Nacional 0, Uniao 0; Benfica 4, Maritimo 0; Guimaraes 2, Belenenses 1; Porto 7, Tirense 0; Sporting 0, Braga 0; Setubal 4, Chaves 1; Beira-Mar 1, Amadora 0; Penafiel 2, Boavista 1; Portimonense 2, Farense 0. **Leading positions:** 1, Porto (after 10 matches), 17pts; 2, Guimaraes (after 11), 17; 3, Benfica (after 9), 14.

ROMANIAN: Brasov 0, Steaua Bucharest 3; Bacau 0, Politehnica Timisoara 1; Sportul Studentesc 0, Arges 0; Bihor Oradea 0, Dinamo Bucharest 2; Olt 1, Uni Cluj Napoca 1; Victoria Bucharest 1, Petrolul Ploiesti 0; Jiul Petrosani 5, Corvinul Hunedoara 3; Universitatea Craiova 0, Inter Sibiu 0; Flacara Moreni 2, Farul Constanta 1. **Leading positions** (after 13 matches): 1, Dinamo Bucharest, 24pts; 2, Steaua Bucharest, 23; 3, Uni Craiova, 18.

SPANISH: Real Madrid 7, Zaragoza 2; Castellon 1, Cadiz 1; Real Vallecano 4, Atlético Madrid 4; Real Sociedad 1, Logroñes 0; Barcelona 2, Sporting Gijon 0; Real Majorca 0, Valencia 1; Oviedo 0, Malaga 0; Osasuna 2, Seville 1; Valladolid 3, Athletico Bilbao 1; Tenerife 2, Celta 1. **Leading positions** (after 13 matches): 1, Real Madrid, 20pts; 2, Barcelona, 17; 3, Real Sociedad, 17.

SWISS: Aarau 1, Young Boys 1; Lausanne 1, Grasshopper 1; Lugano 1, Sion 0; Lucerne 1, Servette 2; St Gallen 1, Bellinzona 1; Neuchatel Xamax 1, Wettingen 1. **Leading positions** (after 20 matches): 1, Neuchatel, 26pts; 2, St Gallen, 25; 3, Grasshopper, 23.

WEST GERMAN: Borussia Dortmund 1, Bayer Leverkusen 1; Homburg 1, Bayer Uerdingen 2; Waldhof Mannheim 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 1; Werder Bremen 2, St Pauli 1; Nuremberg 4, Bayern Munich 0; Borussia Mönchengladbach 3, Kaiserslautern 1; Karlsruhe 1, VfB Stuttgart 0; Cologne 2, Bochum 0; Hamburg 1, Fortuna Düsseldorf 0. **Leading positions** (after 18 matches): 1, Cologne, 25pts; 2, Bayer Leverkusen, 24; 3, Bayern Munich, 23.

YUGOSLAV: Rad 2, Sloboda 1; Velez 3, Partizan 1; Radnicki 5, Hajduk 1; Rijeka 1, Zeljeznicar 0; Buducnost 1, Vardar 0; Sarajevo 3, Vojvodina 2; Red Star 0, Dinamo 0 (Dinamo won 3-2 on penalties); Olimpija 0, Spartak 1; Borac 1, Osijek 1 (Osijek won 6-5 on penalties). **Leading positions** (after 16 matches): 1, Dinamo, 22pts; 2, Red Star, 18; 3, Hajduk, 17.

RUGBY LEAGUE

St Helens and Widnes appeal on suspensions

By Keith Macklin

Despite the throwing down of the gauntlet by Bob Ashby, the chairman of the Rugby League, last week, appeals are to be made by St Helens and Widnes against the eight-match suspensions imposed on Shane Cooper and Paul Moriarty.

Ashby declared war on what are known in the game as "headhunters" and said that such long sentences for illegal high tackles could become the norm rather than the exception.

However, the two clubs believe that the sentences were too severe. St Helens have pointed out that Cooper was not dismissed in the game against Barrow and that the matter came before the disciplinary committee only on a submission by Barrow and the study by disciplinary committee members of the match video tape.

Widnes are to go ahead with their appeal against Moriarty's sentence, despite the fact that Hugh Waddell, the Leeds forward whose jaw was broken in the incident, has said that he is taking legal advice on the question of a law suit against Moriarty for damages.

A League spokesman said yesterday that no sitting of the disciplinary appeals committee had yet been convened.

Kevin Iro, the New Zealand winger who plays for Wigan, has withdrawn from the New Zealand squad for the second international against France this weekend because of a knee injury which has troubled him for some time.

This is worrying news for Wigan on top of their other injury problems since Iro was missing throughout the Kiwi tour of Britain and France. Other internationals on the Central Park injury list are Ellery Hanley and Adrian Shelford, the New Zealand prop forward.

Improving Kadan to continue good work

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Following that impressive win by four lengths at Ascot 10 days ago, Kadan, from Mark Tompkins's nearby Newmarket stable, looks a good bet to win the Vivian Kennedy Memorial Handicap Hurdle at Huntingdon today, and he is my nap even though the handicapper has had time to take that result into account before compiling these weights.

I watched his Ascot victory from a position close to the last flight of hurdles and what impressed me was the pace that Kadan showed once Jamie Osborne had given him his head to go clean away from Protection, Urizen, Lumberjack, Brent Riverside and Highland Bounty.

It is my contention that today's opposition is not so formidable although Brent Riverside re-opposes on 8lb better terms.

He still has 16 lengths to make up on Kadan, who looked in sparkling form that day following a couple of good runs on the Flat the previous month.

On a point of handicapping, it must be stated that Fleet Commander constitutes a far greater threat. For when he won the corresponding race 12 months ago, on what was also his seasonal debut, he had Kadan 11 lengths behind in fourth place.

A combination of Fleet Commander going downhill thereafter and Kadan improving means that the weights today favour the former by 16lb.

What I like about Kadan is the fact that he is clearly on a crest at present unlike Fleet Commander who has not run this term and the top weight, Indian Baba, who has been pulled up in his last two races. Jazetas was beaten 33 lengths at Warwick recently, while Tebitto was a beaten horse when he unseated his rider at Windsor last time out.

Clever Folly, my selection to win the day's most valuable race, the Peterborough Chase, hails from Gordon Richards's in-form Cumbrian stable.

His last journey south also turned out to be a profitable one when he won the Charles Davis Handicap Chase at Ascot where he started favourite on the strength of a particularly fine run against Panto Prince at Uttoxeter.

Biloxi Blues, who was beaten 11½ lengths into third place behind his own stable companion Man O' Magic and the subsequent Hennessy Gold Cup winner Ghofar at Ascot the following day, looks the obvious danger especially since Southernair was a long way behind him in the same Ascot race.

While conceding that Repington seems to have taken on a new lease of life since changing stables judged on those recent victories at Bangor and Huntingdon, I still doubt him being capable of beating Clever Folly at level weights.

Earlier in the programme, **Deemster Willow** (12.45) can trigger off a double for Weyhill trainer Toby Balding to be completed later by **Reach Me Down** landing the odds in the Hoechst Panacur EBF Mares Only Novices Hurdle.

At the end of the day, the successful Lockinge trainer Henrietta Knight should have reason to be pleased that she decided to persevere with Assaglawi over fences, for the time being at least, because the Emson Group Novices Chase looks an easier task than the Vickers West Country's Leading Independent Bookmakers Handicap Hurdle, which was his alternative engagement today at Newton Abbot.

Twelve months ago, the corresponding race went to Pertemps Network from Martin Pipe's all-conquering Wellington outfit.

Today, the same stable could easily provide the winner again in the shape of Vagog who, like so many of his stable companions, did nothing but improve last season after beginning life contesting a seller.

Travelling companion Maintown, who has looked in particularly good heart at Nottingham and Southwell already, can continue her good work by winning the Vickers Bookmakers Handicap Chase.

Sangster confirms loyalty to Irwin in rift over Goffs

By Michael Seely

Robert Sangster confirmed yesterday that he has resigned his position as a director of Goffs, Ireland's top bloodstock sales company, as a result of the sudden departure of Jonathan Irwin, the former managing director.

"It is a question of loyalties," said the Isle of Man-based multi-millionaire. "I'm not sure what caused it all, but there's an obvious clash of personalities between Jonathan and Michael Dargan, the new chairman."

During the past four years Irwin has revived the fortunes of the one-time nearly bankrupt company. His brilliant conception of the Cartier Million, the world's most valuable two-year-old race, which is run at Phoenix Park and is only open to horses bought at the Cartier Million Sale, has been an outstanding success.

It is believed that the boardroom split between Irwin and Dargan, a former boss of Air Lingus, had been about whether Cartier should contribute to a scheme that has gained them so much favourable publicity. "It will be a sad day for racing if Irwin quits the game," Sangster went on. "A man of his talents, initiative and drive would have no difficulty in getting a top job in industry."

Sangster has not yet received a firm offer for Manton, his 2,300 acre modern training complex outside Marlborough. "We've had about sixty different inquiries but there is nothing definite yet," he said.

Michael Dickinson, formerly private trainer to Sangster, who is on holiday with his parents at Wetherby in Yorkshire, refused to confirm or deny a report that, with the aid of an American backer he is to start operating again at Manton. "I've nothing to say at present," he said yesterday. "But I hope to make a definite statement tomorrow."

Ascot set to stage first evening fixture in May

By Graham Rock

Ascot will stage its first evening meeting over jumps and the richest in the country on May 1 next year in a joint promotion with the Charterhouse Mercantile Group.

A two-year experiment to hold Flat racing in the evenings at Ascot faltered 25 years ago, but Sir Piers Bengough, the Queen's representative, is optimistic that the venture will be a success.

The Charterhouse Mercantile Group, which sponsored at Ascot in February, has brought together four companies to sponsor races during the evening, with two more in the pipeline. The meeting will not benefit from Levy Board assistance.

Rosling King, the Fleet Street solicitors, will sponsor a £10,000 handicap chase over two miles and the Financial and General Bank is contributing towards a £6,000 handicap hurdle over three miles. E A Shaw & Partners and Greaves Travel are also sponsoring



David Nicholson's course winner Long Engagement is among only five rivals prepared to take on Desert Orchid in the Tingle Creek Chase at Sandown on Saturday

Akehurst advises caution over Beldale Star's price

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Reg Akhurst yesterday warned punters that the 2-1 available about his wide-margin Warwick winner, Beldale Star for the £30,000 William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown on Saturday represents bad value and should be ignored.

"I'm not saying that he isn't fancied or that he won't win," said the Epsom trainer, who has such an outstanding record in this type of event. "But to say that Beldale Star is a handicap certainty is ridiculous. Either the handicapper wasn't at Warwick or he didn't watch the race."

Beldale Star was allotted 9st 12lb in the long handicap for Saturday's feature and will only have to shoulder 10 stone if Floyd stands his ground with 11st 13lb, as is David Elsworth's present intention.

At Warwick, Beldale Star romped home 25 lengths ahead of Peer Prince with Aldino, the 2-1 on favourite, eight lengths further away in third place. Consequently, Akehurst's six-year-old has been raised 15lb in future handicaps.

The trainer commented: "Conditions race form doesn't always work out in handicaps, as you get false-run races. Luke Harvey rode an enterprising race and pushed the horse right out. Aldino probably shirked it and the others accepted the situation."

Coomes Dennis make Beldale Star an 11-8 chance but William Hill are prepared to offer 2-1. Hill's the sponsors, then go 11-2 Dare Say, 6-1 Protection and Floyd, 10-1 Liadett and 12-1 On Tap.

The 7-1 on offer against Dare Say with Dennis and also the 11-2 with Hill's look tempting. Unbeaten in two races this season, Josh Gifford's six-year-old slammed Penalty Double by three lengths at Worcester. The runner-up has since won in style at Wincanton, so the form looks solid.

Beldale Star, Protection, and Peter Easterby's Newcastle winner On Tap appear to be the other "live" horses, but at the current odds Dare Say looks a cast-iron each way bet.

The crowds will be packing Esher's towering stands on Saturday to watch Desert Orchid attempt to repeat last year's win in the Tingle Creek Handicap en route to Kempton for an attempt to win his third King George VI Chase on Boxing Day. Long Engagement and Prideaux Boy are the most interesting of the flying grey's five possible opponents.

At a surprisingly frost-free Nottingham Peter Scudamore landed a double on Wolfhangar and Espy. Now with 82 successes to his credit, the reigning champion jockey requires 18 winners in 15 racing days if he is to beat his own fastest century, which was established when Fu's Lady won on December 15 at Haydock last year.

Frost threat

Overnight frost is forecast for the Huntingdon area, which may put today's meeting in doubt. Clerk of the course, Hugo Bevan, said yesterday: "We could just about have raced today, but there is no inspection planned unless there is severe overnight frost."

Catterick Bridge yesterday was called off because of heavy frost in the ground.

Both Scudamore's winners were trained by Charlie Brooks, whose 20 victories from 47 runners this season have been gained at a strike rate of over 41 per cent.

The champion's handling of Wolfhangar in the Bulwell Handicap Chase, in which the pair beat Seamus O'Neill on the other 7-4 joint favourite Glebe Spinney by six lengths, was a joy to watch. The fences were finely measured and boldly taken and the seven-year-old hardly put a foot wrong.

Punters who laid 4-1 on Espy to complete the pair's double in the Douglas Concrete Novices Chase (qualifier) had the fright of their lives before Scudamore made up a three lengths deficit from the last to beat Granny's Bay by a length.

"This is supposed to be the entertainments business, so I suppose it was quite exciting," said Brooks. "But Peter said that he was never really worried."

Espy, the horse on which Scudamore failed to beat John Francome's record when falling at the last at Ascot, will now go for the final of the series at Uttoxeter. Brooks then said that Celtic Shot, will take his chance in the Arlington Series Qualifier at Chepstow on Saturday.

Discussing the formidable assignment facing his high class hurdler who will be taking on second season horses on his first attempt over fences, the trainer said: "Unfortunately, we've got to go Chepstow as it is the only course with decent going at present." Among the 31 acceptors for the qualifier are Man O' Magic, Waterloo Boy, Knight Oil.

Chepstow promises to stage as interesting a programme as Sandown. The 16 declared for the Rehearsal Chase include Playschool, Envopak Token and Oliver Sherwood's Gold Cup candidate, The West Awake.

Martin Pipe's Nottingham raid proved unsuccessful as In Keeping and Scudamore were comprehensively beaten by Richard Dunwoody on City Index in the Merit Three-Year-Old Hurdle and Amanda Harwood's attempt to win the George Farndon Lady Riders Novices Handicap Hurdle on Lonely Reef also ended in defeat when the pair could finish only third to Gee Armytage and Kind'A Smart.

City Index's victory was a triumph for the first-season trainer Nigel Smith, as the three-year-old sprinted home five lengths clear of the 5-2 on favourite. "I bought him from Mick O'Toole, for whom he finished second in a Flat race at Fairyhouse. I'm not going to train him for the Triumph as I think his future lies over fences."

Now with 15 horses at his father's Pershore Farm, Smith has always been interested in racing. He rode five winners in point-to-points and under rules and has trained for three seasons under permit before taking out a licence this year.

Those who backed Miss Armytage in the women riders' hurdle must have had their hearts in their mouths before she brought Kind'A Smart storming through from only fifth position at the final flight for an eventually decisive success. "I don't normally ride horses like that," she said. "Kevin Morgan told me to hold him up for a late burst of speed, but I was beginning to wonder whether I'd overdone it."

TINGLE CREEK CHASE ACCEPTORS (Limited handicap: 2m 18yd): Desert Orchid, Hogmanay, Long Engagement, Prideaux Boy, Ringmore, Sirrabout.

Ghofar backed

Hennessy winner Ghofar was laid to lose £40,000 by the sponsors yesterday when backed down from 12-1 to the new 8-1 favourite for the Coral Welsh National. The Thinker is a 10-1 chance and the Hennessy runner-up Brown Windsor 12-1.

Cecil collects overseas prize

Henry Cecil, with a total haul of £977,693 in win and place money, has won the International Racing Bureau's Derby Award for leading overseas trainer in 1989.

John Dunlop, with £865,596 is the runner-up, and Michael Jarvis — who would have won the award if Carroll House had managed to win or be second in the Japan Cup — was third

A record total of £6,174,427 was earned abroad this year with 81 races won, including Ireland (£2,165,466 — 29 races), Italy (£1,531,767 — 16 races) and France (£1,523,517 — 21 races).

HUNTINGDON

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Deemster Willow.
1.15 Assaglawi.
1.45 KADAN (nap).
2.15 Clever Folly.
2.45 Reach Me Down.
3.15 Incamelia.

By Michael Seely

1.45 KADAN (nap). 2.45 Reach Me Down.

Going: good to firm

12.45 HOUGHTON SELLING HURDLE (£1,828: 2m 100yd) (10 runners)

1 4000 CARNBREA FRED 8 (D Emery) J Harris 3-10-10 — J A Harris —
2 NORTHERN RAIN 5F (A Anastasiou) C Allen 3-10-10 — V Smith (5) —
3 P42 ODYN PRINCE 49 (N Pay) B Stevens 3-10-10 — K Mooney —
4 3253U THE GANNOCHY 24 (B) (B Lynch) D Bell 3-10-10 — P Harley (7) —
5 8 TILL IT HURTS 17 (E Ryan) Mrs G Jones 3-10-10 — C Smith —
6 40 ALZAMINA 22 (K Panos) J White 3-10-5 — K Burke —
7 2 BABY ASHLEY 8 (Mrs L Crofts) P Felden 3-10-5 — R Fahey —
8 U34 DEEMSTER WILLOW 3 (R Bray) G Balding 3-10-5 — A Charlton (3) —
9 0 MAGIC QUEST 25F (P Rugg) R Hollinshead 3-10-5 — Gary Lyons (7) —
10 3 PONTEVECCHIO BELLA 28 (F Brown) R Juckes 3-10-5 — J Osborne —

BETTING: 7-4 Deemster Willow, 2-1 Baby Ashley, 5-1 Pontevecchio Bella, 8-1 Odyn Prince, 12-1 others.

1988: MILTON BRYAN 3-10-10 R Goldstein (9-1) J Ffitch-Heyes 18 ran

FORM FOCUS ODYN PRINCE was 25l clear of the 3rd when 3l 2nd to Terrys Town at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, firm).
THE GANNOCHY 5l 3rd, CARNBREA FRED (same terms) 1½l 4th and MAGIC QUEST (3lb better off) 9th in Uttoxeter seller won by yesterday's impressive winner Fisherman's Croft (2m, good to firm). TILL IT HURTS tailed off in Cheltenham novices hurdle won by Major Inquiry (2m, good). BABY ASHLEY finished 25l ahead of the 3rd, CARNBREA FRED (1lb better off), when 7l 2nd to Reet Patrick at Leicester (2m, good to firm). DEEMSTER WILLOW has claims on 8l Taunton 3rd to Recidivist (2m 110yd, good to firm).
PONTEVECCHIO BELLA weakened 2 out when 17l 3rd to Royal Wonder in Nottingham claimer (2m, good to firm).
Selection: BABY ASHLEY

1.15 EMSON GROUP NOVICES CHASE (£2,563: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1 50-2112 ASSAGLAWI 24 (BF,F,G) (R Green Fine Paintings) Miss H Knight 7-11-11 — R Beggan ● 99
2 PP-6P5 AMBIANCE 8 (B,F,G) (N Pay) B Stevens 10-11-4 — K Mooney —
3 0F060-3 IT'S A PRY 18 (G,S) (Mrs A Villar) Mrs E Heath 8-11-4 — P Harding-Jones (5) 93
4 0222 MSHAHARA 17 (M Mitchell) P Hedger 11-11-4 — M Richards 95
5 0P0-66 RHODBRIDGE 11 (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 7-11-4 — R Guest —
6 P0005/F CLOVER SONG 17 (E Easton) Mrs P Townsley 7-10-13 — Lucy Townsley (7) —
7 36F0-U3 FISHING SMACK 24 (G,S) (B Byford) B Byford 6-10-13 — G Martin 71

BETTING: 4-5 Assaglawi, 7-2 It's A Pry, 6-1 Mshahara, 8-1 Fishing Smack, 14-1 others.

1988: IBN MAJED 6-11-4 R Dunwoody (13-8 fav) C Spares 13 ran

FORM FOCUS ASSAGLAWI made bad mistakes when 6l 2nd to Green Tops at Southwell (3m, good). FISHING SMACK (9lb worse off) was beaten further 12l in 3rd. IT'S A PRY beaten 21½l by Dalkey Sound at Market Rasen (2m 5f, good). MSHAHARA should stay this trip. Last time ran 15l 2nd to Deep Flash at Windsor (2m 40yd, good to firm).
RHODBRIDGE always behind when 62l 6th to Lavrosky here (2m 200yd, good).
Selection: ASSAGLAWI

1.45 VIVIAN KENNEDY MEMORIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,392: 2m 100yd) (10 runners)

1 5121P-P INDIAN BABA 32 (D,G) (E Benfield) G Enright 4-11-10 — M Powell 90
2 32434-4 JAZETAS 18 (B,D,S) (G Cooke) N Callaghan 6-11-7 — G Bradley 86
3 24160U-1 KADAN 10 (D,F,G) (M Whatley) M Tompkins 5-11-8 — S Smith Eccles 91
4 P80-21U TEBITTO 17 (D,F,S) (L Ames) A Turnell 6-11-2 — R Dunwoody ● 99
5 66-P4F5 BRENT RIVERSIDE 10 (CD,BF,F,S) (S Mason) G Balding 5-11-0 — R Guest 96
6 120000- FLEET COMMANDER 220 (CD,F,S) (M Meade) M Meade 6-10-11 — M Richards 96
7 331-010 REGGAE BEAT 18 (D,F,G) (E Campbell) I Campbell 4-10-7 — NON-RUNNER —
8 6-41326 BICKERMAN 17 (D,F,G) (B Dowling) J Spearing 6-10-0 — W McFarland (3) 86
9 081/20- FLOWER OF TINTERN 326 (D,G) (Mrs A Chatter) J Ringer 7-10-0 — D Murphy 80
10 PF-3256 BWANA KALI 21 (P Bennett) J Bennett 7-10-0 — M Bowlby 84

Long handicap: Bickerman 9-6, Flower Of Tintern 9-5, Bwana Kali 7-9.

BETTING: 6-4 Kadan, 3-1 Tebitto, 4-1 Brent Riverside, 6-1 Jazetas, 10-1 Fleet Commander, 12-1 Indian Baba, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS JAZETAS flattered by proximity to the winner when 8½l 3rd to Floyd in listed race at Wincanton in February (2m, good to soft).
KADAN 4l Ascot winner from Protection, with favourite BRENT RIVERSIDE (8lb better off) disappointing 5th, beaten another 12½l. Last December KADAN beat FLOWER OF TINTERN (3lb worse off) 1l at Fakenham (2m 80yd, good).
FLEET COMMANDER won this race first time out in 1988 when trained by Oliver Sherwood, by 4l from Ranelagh (good to firm), with JAZETAS (3lb worse off) 10th. FLEET COMMANDER races off a 7lb lower mark today.
Selection: FLEET COMMANDER

2.15 PETERBOROUGH CHASE (Listed race: £6,947: 2m 4f) (4 runners)

1 2122-43 BILOXI BLUES 10 (F,G,S) (Pell-Mell Partners) K Bailey 7-11-1 — R Beggan 90
2 1F-1F21 CLEVER FOLLY 11 (F,S) (N Mason Farms Ltd) G Richards 9-11-1 — N Doughty ● 99
3 04-3011 REPINGTON 11 (CD,F,G,S) (J Gilman) T Bill 11-11-1 — J Railton (3) 86
4 FP43-20 SOUTHERNAIR 10 (B,D,F,G,S) (S Powell) J Jenkins 9-11-1 — R Dunwoody 85

BETTING: 5-4 Clever Folly, 6-4 Biloxi Blues, 5-1 Repington, 8-1 Southernair.

1988: TOWNLEY STONE 9-11-1 G Mernagh (4-5 fav) J Webber 3 ran

FORM FOCUS BILOXI BLUES was possibly just in need of the race when staying on to be 11½l 3rd of 11 to Man O'Magic at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm) with SOUTHERNAIR tailed off in 9th.
CLEVER FOLLY survived mistakes to beat Banbridge 4l at Ascot (2m, good to firm). REPINGTON has seemed rejuvenated of late. After beating Doronicum 30l at Bangor (2m 4f, good), quickened well to score over course and distance (good), beating Heyfleet 7l.
SOUTHERNAIR was soundly beaten on seasonal bow at Sandown (2m 4f 68yd, good) when 20l 2nd of 3 finishers to easy winner Brown Windsor.
Selection: BILOXI BLUES (Nap)

2.45 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NOVICES' HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,674: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 121 REACH ME DOWN 19 (F,G) (The Ramble Racing Club) G Balding 5-11-5 — W McFarland (3) ● 99
2 JORDENS SCALLYWAG (G Dadman) Mrs P Townsley 5-10-12 — M Powell —
3 80 MCGUIGAN 6 (B Byford) B Byford 5-10-12 — G Martin —
4 00PP/FP MR JERSEY 3 (D Plaskett) J Jenkins 7-10-12 — M Ahern (5) —
5 06 OXNEAD 11 (W Bulwer-Long) M Skinner 5-10-12 — S Woods (5) —

BETTING: 1-6 Reach Me Down, 11-2 Mr Jersey, 12-1 Oxnead, 14-1 McGuigan, 16-1 Jordens Scallywag.

1988: BLUE RAINBOW 5-11-12 J Lower (2-1 fav) (M Pipe) 13 ran

FORM FOCUS REACH ME DOWN was left clear at the last to beat Shaston 10l at Wincanton (2m 6f, good). Earlier, finished a good 2½l 2nd of 14 to Wonderine at Fontwell (2m 2f, good), pair 12l clear.
OXNEAD showed a glimmer of ability when 43l 8th of 22 to Sacre d'Or here (2m 100yd, good).
JORDENS SCALLYWAG, by Scallywag, whose dam Paddy's Delight was a front-running early-season staying chaser.
Selection: REACH ME DOWN

3.15 BBC RADIO CAMBRIDGESHIRE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,809: 3m) (2 runners)

1 422/152- DOUBLE TURN 402 (D,F,S) (Mrs A Villar) Mrs E Heath 8-11-10 — P Harding-Jones (5) ● 99
2 P/3P4-11 INCAMELIA 12 (D,F,G) (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 8-11-7 — J White 97

BETTING: 1-5 Incamelia, 7-2 Double Turn.

1988: ACE OF SPIES 7-11-13 R Dunwoody (6-5 fav) Mrs G Jones 6 ran

FORM FOCUS DOUBLE TURN won easily first time out last season, beating Rimfire 12l at Southwell (3m 110yd, good to firm). Latest start was over course and distance (good to firm) last October, when 2½l 2nd of 4 finishers to Aberoy.
INCAMELIA was pushed clear to beat only other finisher Cross Master 2l at Nottingham (3m, firm). Subsequently survived some very untidy jumping at Towcester (2m 5f 110yd) when ridden out to beat Major Match 2½l.
Selection: DOUBLE TURN

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
T Bill	5	15	33.3
G Balding	14	60	23.3
N Callaghan	3	13	23.1
N Henderson	11	55	20.0
P Hedger	3	16	18.8
B Stevens	3	25	12.0

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Fahey	5	15	33.3
A Charlton	3	9	33.3
C Smith	4	16	25.0
J Osborne	4	17	23.5
S Smith Eccles	20	92	21.7
K Mooney	5	25	20.0

NEWTON ABBOT

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Treble Chance.
1.30 Purple Prince.
2.00 Corn Merchant.
2.30 Vagog.
3.00 Maintown.
3.30 Pica Sword.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.0 Maintown.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 CORN MERCHANT.

Going: good to firm

1.0 TATTERSALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £2,528: 2m 150yd) (9 runners)

1 /6033P- ALMOST CAUGHT 287 (R Frost) R Frost 8-10-10 — J Frost —
2 4- BRYN TANGLE 235 (R Frost) R Frost 10-10-10 — P Hoegood (7) —
3 F44PS3 DIAPHANTINE 21 (D,F) (F Gorman) F Gorman 7-10-10 — P Johnson (7) —
4 0/P- GREAT WISHFORD 203 (G Doidge) G Doidge 9-10-10 — Mr G Upton (3) —
5 FU0/00F- REDGRAVE DEVIL 270 (D,S) (T Bish) M Pipe 7-10-10 — P Scudamore —
6 00P-U4 ROSCOFF 13 (N Knott) P Hobbs 7-10-10 — Peter Hobbs 78
7 121824- SETTER COUNTRY 235 (D,F,G) (D Barber) R Hodges 5-10-10 — G McCourt —
8 4083P-2 TREBLE CHANCE 13 (M Bryant) S Woodman 7-10-10 — R Dunwoody ● 99
9 6008-5F XYLOPHONE 13 (D,F) (D Butt) Miss L Bower 7-10-10 — R Goldstein —

BETTING: 9-4 Treble Chance, 7-2 Setter Country, 6-1 Almost Caught, 8-1 Redgrave Devil, Roscoff, 12-1 Xylophone, 16-1 Bryn Tangle, Diaphantine, 25-1 Great Wishford.

1988: LONGRIVER LADY 5-11-1 N Coleman (Evens fav) R Holder 14 ran

1.30 VICKERS CREDIT BOOKMAKERS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,842: 2m 150yd) (17 runners)

1 /F360/1 PURPLE PRINCE 22 (D,F,G) (Mrs L Webb) P Leach 6-12-0 — N Mann (7) 85
2 6/0-6 RHYTHM DANCER 45 (J Morrison) J O'Shea 5-12-0 — S Hodgson (7) —
3 3202-00 FOURTH PROTOCOL 12 (BF) (M Hookway) L Cottrell 5-11-1 — A Forte 88
4 203/ TINSEL ROSE 1064 (D,G) (J Jarnouneau) R Hodges 8-10-12 — G McCourt —
5 4PF5-46 SELF AID 10 (R Sale) J Roberts 5-10-10 — Gee Armytage —
6 PU00- MADAME MINT 26F (Mrs A Moore) R Holder 4-10-8 — N Coleman —
7 0F/00P-0 ZANUSSI LINE 24 (B Scott) D R Tucker 5-10-7 — —
8 00P/P TORRANCE 61 (C Pester) Mrs J Wonnacott 5-10-6 — D Wonnacott —
9 5B-2406 VALVERDE 26 (D,S) (Mrs M Rickards) A Barrow 5-10-4 — S Earle 87
10 P43/405 ALEXA'S BOY 24 (J Weekes) T Hallett 5-10-3 — P Richards —
11 P6U-464 FRENCH DADDY 38 (S McCausland) J Baker 4-10-2 — L Harvey 86
12 6/60F04- FIVE QUARTERS 287 (R Jefferies) Mrs A Knight 6-10-1 — D Mathews 88
13 PP026-0 BACK TO FORM 21 (Miss S Waterman) Miss S Waterman 4-10-0 — Miss S Waterman ● 99
14 00/PP-53 MR KEWMILL 5 (P Purdy) J Bennett 6-10-0 — N Dawe 90
15 0P-F UPHAM RAINBOW 38 (R Brinkworth) D Gandolfo 6-10-0 — S McNeill —
16 P-R0 ESS-KAY-DEE 48 (D Williams) D Williams 4-10-0 — R Massey (7) —
17 PP6P-PP VESTRIS 13 (Mrs M Stalker) N Kernick 5-10-0 — S Forster (7) —

Long handicap: Back To Form 9-13, Mr Kewmill 9-10, Upham Rainbow 9-8, Ess-Kay-Dee 9-7, Vestris 9-2.

BETTING: 3-1 Purple Prince, 9-2 Fourth Protocol, 6-1 Five Quarters, 8-1 Valverde, 10-1 Back To Form, Mr Kewmill, Madame Mint, 14-1 Torrance, 16-1 French Daddy, 20-1 others.

1988: CINDERELLA DEREK 4-10-12 M Williams (100-30) J Baker 8 ran

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 — B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.0 CLAUDE WHITLEY MEMORIAL CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£3,477: 3m 2f 100yd) (5 runners)

1 155F-P4 MIDNIGHT MADNESS 21 (CD,F,G,S) (D Bloomfield) D Bloomfield 11-11-13 — R Greene (7) 95
2 223-322 CORN MERCHANT 12 (C,F) (Mrs L Osborne) R Frost 8-10-2 — J Frost ● 99
3 31/P300- A BOY NAMED SIOUX 250 (CD,F,G,S) (S Stevens) S Stevens 9-10-0 — B Powell 96
4 4311U-6 EN GOUNASI THEON 13 (CD,F,S) (Mrs M Snow) G Doidge 8-10-0 — P Halley (3) 91
5 1P0/U BORENCO 11 (F) (Mrs S Martin) W Kemp 8-10-0 — S McKeever (5) —

Long handicap: A Boy Named Sioux 9-13, En Gounasi Theon 9-13, Borenco 9-2.

BETTING: 4-5 Corn Merchant, 3-1 En Gounasi Theon, 5-1 Midnight Madness, 10-1 A Boy Named Sioux, 25-1 Borenco.

1988: BONANZA BOY 7-12-0 P Scudamore (8-11 fav) M Pipe 8 ran

2.30 VICKERS BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (Amateurs: £3,373: 2m 5f 110yd) (13 runners)

1 111126- VAGOG 211 (B,C,D,BF,G,S) (M Swift) M Pipe 4-11-10 — A Walter (3) 96
2 1P4/401- TROPICAL MIST 192 (CD,F,S) (Mrs S Hutchings) G Ham 9-11-2 — S Burrough (7) 83
3 P555-60 ANOTHER SEEKER 40 (B,F,G,S) (R Brafield) C Popham 7-10-11 — A Farrant (7) —
4 001- HELLO STEVE 215 (B,F) (J Joseph) C Brooks 4-10-10 — C Farrell (7) 90
5 0/5006/ GEX 725 (D Bass) Miss L Bower 6-10-9 — C Burnett-Wells (7) —
6 00040/3- MY DOMINION 447 (F,G,S) (Mrs S Martin) W Kemp 7-10-8 — H Flanagan (7) 86
7 /801P-0 SEXTON ASH 18 (F,G) (D Beswick) M Pipe 7-10-7 — L Jefford (7) 93
8 4200P-2 RECORD FLIGHT 5 (S) (F Crumpler) R Hodges 5-10-4 — C Maude (7) ● 99
9 4-32426 COINAGE 47 (C,F) (R Houghton) R Johnson Houghton 6-10-3 — G Johnson-Houghton (7) 98
10 631-P01 TROJAN SONG 21 (F,G) (F Gorman) F Gorman 5-10-1 — G Upton (3) 93
11 64500-3 JUDYS LINE 33 (Miss S Waterman) Miss S Waterman 5-10-0 — Miss S Waterman (7) 91
12 650/00-0 GERYON 24 (L Waring) L Waring 8-10-0 — Mrs J Matthews (7) —
13 P0-P5 HARD HOLLOW 71 (J Cooper) B Smart 4-10-0 — P Cooper (7) —

Long handicap: Judys Line 9-10, Geryon 8-9, Hard Hollow 7-13.

BETTING: 7-4 Vagog, 100-30 Record Flight, 6-1 Tropical Mist, 15-2 Trojan Song, 10-1 Sexton Ash, 16-1 Hello Steve, 20-1 Coinage, My Dominion, 25-1 others.

1988: PERTEMPS NETWORK 4-9-9 Miss A Harwood (5-4 fav) M Pipe 18 ran

3.0 VICKERS BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,640: 2m 150yd) (6 runners)

1 42PU23 PANTECHNICON 13 (D,F,G,S) (D Coombe) A Barrow 9-11-10 — S Earle 95
2 330-132 HIGH IMP 7 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Jacobs) P Leach 9-11-10 — H Davies 97
3 54/343-0 SOULFUL STRUT 12 (D,F,S) (Whitcombe Manor Racing Ltd) N Mitchell 8-11-0 — A Tory (5) ● 99
4 3224-11 MAINTOWN 7 (CD,F,G) (Mrs G Spencer) M Pipe 8-11-0 (6ex) — P Scudamore 96
5 F000/10- TIGHT TURN 250 (D,F,G,S) (R Frost) R Frost 10-10-4 — J Frost 81
6 P33344- NEARLY MEDINA 215 (D,BF,G) (Mrs S Perry) R Hodges 7-10-0 — C Maude (7) 96

Long handicap: Nearly Medina 9-7.

BETTING: Evens Maintown, 11-4 Pantechnicon, 11-2 High Imp, 10-1 Tight Turn, 14-1 Soulful Strut, 20-1 Nearly Medina.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.30 SOUTH WEST RACING CLUB THREE-YEAR-OLD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,576: 2m 150yd) (10 runners)

1 0 FRENCH CASTLE 17 (N Smith) N Smith 11-0 — T Pinfield (5) —
2 OH SO NIPPY (A Hunt) C Popham 11-0 — B Powell —
3 03 PICA SWORD 4 (A Woodley) C Brooks 11-0 — B de Haan —
4 SOFTLY (T Frost) P Hobbs 11-0 — Peter Hobbs —
5 TOEBOARD (D Page) Miss L Bower 11-0 — T Grantham —
6 DEEP N' DANGEROUS (C Nash) C Nash 10-9 — M Bosley —
7 FLUTTER BLUE (Mrs B Badger) J Spearing 10-9 — A Webb —
8 FOREVER TOGETHER (Mrs E Mitchell) W Kemp 10-9 — H Davies —
9 0 LA FRITE 5 (D Tucker) D R Tucker 10-9 — S McNeill —
10 NORSE IMP (Mrs A Sims) R Holder 10-9 — N Coleman —

BETTING: 2-1 Pica Sword, 7-2 Softly, 4-1 Oh So Nippy, 13-2 La Frite, 10-1 Forever Together, 12-1 French Castle, 16-1 others.

1988: BRADBURY STAR 10-7 S McKeever (11-8 fav) W Kemp 8 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
D Bloomfield	3	6	50.0
M Pipe	109	338	32.2
D Gandolfo	10	43	23.3
R Holder	17	89	19.1
J Baker	16	105	15.2
J Spearing	4	27	14.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
P Scudamore	71	173	41.0
G McCourt	13	57	22.8
B de Haan	3	21	14.3
N Coleman	14	100	14.0
R Dunwoody	8	62	12.9
A Webb	7	56	12.5

SANDOWN PROBABLES

Advance going: good; good to firm (back straight)

2.0 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP HURDLE (£30,000 added: 2m) (16 five-day declarations)

1 3145-2 FLOYD (CD) (M Walsh) D Elsworth 9-11-13 — —
2 1/2-11 DARE SAY (CD) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 6-10-3 (4ex) — —
3 /414-2 PROTECTION (CD) (H Joel) A Turnell 7-10-2 — —
4 11430- AFARISTOUN (D) (H Kaye) J Edwards 5-10-1 — —
5 11224- POSITIVE (D) (S T A Management Ltd) K Bailey 7-10-1 — —
6 15611/ ROYAL ILLUSION (D) (J Lishman) G Moore 5-10-0 — —
7 1110- WONDER MAN (CD) (Mrs S Robbins) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-0 — —
8 6P4-24 LIADETT (D,BF) (F Farrant) M Pipe 4-9-13 — —
9 6113/1 BELDALE STAR (D) (R Kilby) R Akehurst 6-9-12 — —
10 /61-34 FRAGRANT DAWN (D) (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-11 — —
11 3412-3 CHRISTMAS HOLLY (R Wood) Mrs G Reveley 8-9-9 — —
12 1-15 STATED CASE (D,BF) (Gymcrak Racing Plc) M H Easterby 4-9-9 — —
13 12-21 ON TAP (D) (Lt-Col R Warden) M H Easterby 5-9-8 (4ex) — —
14 1-42226 JUBAIL (D,BF) (V Bootle) K Morgan 4-8-12 — —
15 5-02F4 CELTIC BOB (D) (Mrs C Cooper) O O'Neill 9-8-5 — —
16 01-23 BEAU GUEST (D) (W Sellers) J Parkes 7-8-1 — —

BETTING (Hills): 2-1 Beldale Star, 11-2 Dare Say, 6-1 Floyd, Protection, 10-1 Liadett, 12-1 Fragrant Dawn, On Tap, 14-1 others.

1988: CORPORAL CLINGER 9-10-7 M Perrett (9-2) M Pipe 13 ran

Nottingham yesterday

Going: good to firm

1.0 (2m ch) 1, WOLFHANGAR (P Scudamore, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Glebe Spinney (S J O'Neill, 7-4 jt-fav); 3, Straight Down (C Hawkins, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7 Annette's Delight (4th). 4 ran. 6l, 2½l, 12l. C Brooks at Lambourn. Tote: win £2.40. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.78.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, FISHERMAN'S CROFT (G McCourt, 1-4 fav); 2, Sweet Thursday (K Mooney, 25-1); 3, Heard It Before (Gary Lyons, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 14 Kirtlington, Riesener (6th), 20 After The Gloom (5th), 33 City To City (f), 40 Cherry Chap (4th), 50 Hope Against Hope, 66 Belle De Mont, Enchanted Goddess (pu). 11 ran. 6l, ¾l, 8l, 7l, 1l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £4.90, £1.10. DF: £11.40. CSF: £10.66. Bought in for 11,000 gns.

2.0 (2m ch) 1, ESPY (P Scudamore, 1-4 fav); 2, Granny's Bay (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 3, Hilarion (T Morgan, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 25 Runaway Train (pu), 66 Tamertown Lad (4th). 5 ran. 1l, 15l, 12l. C Brooks at Lambourn. Tote: £1.20; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £3.00. CSF: £2.68.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, CITY INDEX (R Dunwoody, 12-1); 2, In-Keeping (P Scudamore, 2-5 fav); 3, Ela-Ayabi-Mou (J Ryan, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Captain Krayyan (4th), 10 Heilbrunn (5th), 14 Wassein (6th), 20 Predictable, 33 Sir Cosmo (pu), 40 So Gifted. 9 ran. NR: Innovator, Tranquil Waters. 5l, 3l, 2l, 12l, 12l. N Smith at Pershore. Tote: £12.90; £4.40, £1.20, £5.80. DF: £5.10. CSF: £17.91.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, KIND'A SMART (Gee Armytage, 11-2); 2, Woodchester Glen (Penny Ffitch Heyes (13-2); 3, Lonely Reef (Miss A Harwood, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Xhal (5th), African Spirit (4th), 6 Hogan's Run, 14 Beechwood Cottage, 25 Faiiq, 33 Sirocko Bay (6th). 9 ran. ¾l, 2½l, 12l, 3l, sh hd. K Morgan at Melton Mowbray. Tote: £6.50; £2.00, £1.20, £1.10. DF: £14.80. CSF: £39.62. Tricast: £88.29.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, CROSS MASTER (J Railton, 6-5 fav); 2, Sassum (M Lynch, 4-1); 3, Winsor Bond (W Bird, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 13-8 Another Schedule (4th). 4 ran. 2l, 10l, hd. T Bill at Ashby-de-la-Zouch. Tote: £2.20. DF: £5.90. CSF: £5.67.

Placepot: £5.00.

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David Hands, Rugby Correspondent, reflects on impressions made on tour by the All Blacks

When victory is the sole objective

At the end of every tour, coach and captain are asked their opinion of the rugby played in the countries they have just visited. That, of course, is not the point for the touring side; they are looking to develop their own game and the New Zealanders whose unbeaten tour of Wales and Ireland ended last Saturday with victory over the Barbarians have, once more, offered new insight into aspects of forward play and confirmed old truths about back play.

It was significant, however, that the rolling maul which has provoked so much discussion was not seen at Twickenham against the Barbarians. It is better, by far, to dwell on one aspect of the All Blacks game which was perfectly illustrated shortly before Saturday's game ended; under the East Stand, a metre in from the touch line, Steve McDowell snapped up a loose ball and fed instantly to Andy Earl, who made ground and established a ruck.

The game was decided at that stage and no significant score resulted: it was merely the handling of the prop in a position where other countries might have been happy to prod the ball dead for a lineout, the instant pass to a player coming from deep and better placed than he, and the technique of the flanker in making contact with the opposition and relying on the support coming in.

That is where the players who comprised Wayne Shelford's New Zealanders outranked so many previous touring teams, in their knowledge of what to do, when to do it, and the ability to do it correctly. They will not be remembered with any great degree of affection but then, New Zealand teams in this country have seldom aspired to such a memorial; sentiment does not come into their make-up because success at rugby union is so ingrained in the national consciousness that they cannot afford it.

When the British Isles toured in Australia this year, considerable play was made of creating equal opportunities for all, within such scope as a short tour now offers. Alex Wyllie, as chief coach and selector, was ruthless in his choice: Ron Williams, the Waikato prop, played four matches, Warren Gatland, the reserve hooker, and the locks, Ian Jones and Steve Gordon, five, which is not a lot of rugby for fit players over 14 matches and a seven-week period from the time of assembly to departure on Sunday.

That confirms, too, the opinion of Don Rutherford, the Rugby Football Union's technical director, that New Zealand's first choice front row never received the plaudits their play deserved. Rutherford was immensely impressed by Richard Loe as a tight-head prop, and by McDowell's scrummaging technique, as well as his contribution around the field. "No side we saw got any change out of their front row whatsoever," he said yesterday.

Rutherford also expressed the opinion — bearing in mind that New Zealand open the 1991 World Cup against England at Twickenham in just under two years' time — that England would not have beaten the All Blacks at this stage of their development.

"They are faster, fitter and know precisely what they want to do from any position on the field. If England had their full complement available we would certainly give them a good run for their money.

"I'm not sure how much, relatively speaking, New Zealand can improve before the World Cup. We know we can improve a hell of a lot. Brian Moore and our two locks (Wade Dooley and Paul Ackford), were absolutely superb for the Barbarians, which was very encouraging and gives the players behind them an idea of what to aim at."

Only on the odd occasion did the All Blacks find themselves embarrassed by having to play their rugby going backwards: Cardiff (whose 10-point loss remained the best statistical achievement throughout the entire tour), Swansea, Neath, Ulster and the Barbarians disconcerted them occasionally but always they had the immense facility to defend, regroup and, more often than not, go straight down the pitch and score at a time when the opposition believed their turn might be about to come.

Off the field, as individuals, the New Zealanders were as diffuse a collection as any 30 players anywhere in the world. Two faces were available to the world at Newport, for example, where before the match groups of players brushed aside requests for autographs in a peremptory manner; yet after the game the replacements for the day played touch rugby with a Welsh school party and happily posed for photographs with the youngsters.

Perhaps that illustrates their total absorption with the game: nothing was allowed to interfere with the primary objective, to play and to win. Yet, as Craig Innes said on Saturday: "We do our best not to make mistakes in training because no one likes training and we like to get it over with."

Innes, at 20, may lack at the moment the introspection which appears to attend some of his seniors and if one player may be allowed to act as a motif for a touring party, it is he.

Innes was an uncapped colt before he arrived here but his rugby skills are little short of complete; he appeared in nine games, all but one on the wing, and scored eight tries. He is not, of course, a wing but a midfield player with a preference for centre, yet the All Blacks extracted maximum value from him.

They have world-class players — Fitzpatrick, Shelford, Brewer, Gallagher — throughout the spine of their side with the exception of half back, where Graeme Bachop always seemed a potential target for disruption. That his limited experience and far from classical pass were so seldom a hindrance speaks volumes for his colleagues: the 1989 All Blacks were the sum of their positive parts. "Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative" was not their happy-hour theme tune, but it might as well have been.

TOUR RECORD AND APPEARANCES

TOUR RECORD: beat British Columbia 48-3; beat Cardiff 25-15; beat Pontypool 47-6; beat Swansea 37-22; beat Neath 28-15; beat Llanelli 11-0; beat Newport 54-9; beat Wales 34-9; beat Leinster 36-9; beat Munster 31-9; beat Connacht 40-6; beat Ireland 23-6; beat Ulster 21-3; beat Barbarians 21-10. Played 14, won 14, points for 454, points against 122.

APPEARANCES AND SCORERS (figure in brackets indicates appearances as replacement): Gallagher 8 games, 6 tries, 10 cons, 5 pens (59 points); Ridge 6 games, 1 try; Kirwan 3, 1; Tuigamala 6, 4; Wright 9, 5; Innes 9 (2), 8; Timu 4, 3; McCahill 7 (1), 2; Stanley 7, 1; Little 9 (1), 2; Schuster 7, 1; Botica 6 games, 4 tries, 14 cons, 8 pens (68 points); Fox 7 games, 19 cons, 15 pens (83 points); Bachop 8, 4; Deans 8, 5; Loe 7, 2; McDowell 10; Purvis 7; Williams 4; Fitzpatrick 9, 1; Gatland 5, 1; Gordon 5; Jones 5, 2; Pierce 8, 1; G Whetton 10, 1; Brewer 8 (1), 3; Earl 10 (2), 3; Henderson 3; A Whetton 4, 1; Schuler 5 (1), 1; Brooke 8 (1), 7; Shelford 9, 1.

RUGBY UNION

National squad to be developed with tour of Argentina

By David Hands

England are to tour Argentina next summer, their first visit since Bill Beaumont's 1981 party which preceded the Falklands War. The seven-match tour will include two internationals about three months before the Argentinians are due to tour Ireland, Scotland and England, where they have only two matches.

Hitherto, there was a gap in England's touring plans for 1990 and it had been suggested that a rest for the leading players might be no bad thing. That view has been superseded, however, by the desire to develop the national squad in the knowledge that there is a moratorium on tours during the summer of 1991 because of the World Cup which begins in October that year.

The tour will start early in July, after football's World Cup, in which Argentina has a big interest, has ended and will probably conclude on August 4, although the itinerary has not yet been finalized.

"The political climate has improved considerably and this tour has the blessing of the Foreign Office," Dudley Wood, the Rugby Football Union secretary, said yesterday. Earlier this year, the possibility of a B team tour to New Zealand had been mooted but New Zealand, who will be visited next year by Scotland, Australia and Romania, were unable to accommodate England.

An England B team to play the touring Soviet national team at Northampton on December 23 will be decided on December 10, midway through the divisional championship, while the national squad for training in Lanzarote from January 4 to 8 will be selected after the divisional games are concluded on December 16.

England's under-21 players are to be given an away international, against the Netherlands on April 29, and there are hopes that a further game may be arranged for the juniors against a French Army Under-21 XV.

● Maurice Trapp, the former Harlequins forward who has coached Auckland, the Ranfurly Shield holders, for the last three years, returns to England in January and has been invited by the RFU to hold a series of coaching sessions in the four divisions. That will give an opportunity to captains and coaches from the leading clubs to attend in greater numbers, perhaps, than appeared at Twickenham on Sunday when the RFU staged a conference for captains and coaches from the three national divisions of the Courage Clubs Championship, together with 12 leading referees.

Two first division clubs, Orrell and Nottingham, were not represented; Coventry, Gosforth, Headingley, Plymouth Albion, Sale and Waterloo were missing from the second division and Askeans, Lydney, Roundhay, Sheffield, Vale of Lune, Wakefield and West Hartlepool from the third.

YACHTING

Desperate tales of straggling mariners

From Barry Pickthall, Fremantle

As three more Whitbread Round the World Race crews limped into Fremantle yesterday, with tales of desperation, the British cruiser, Creightons Naturally, whose crew have already suffered two men overboard and one death, was in trouble again.

As the tail-ender on this second stage of the race, across the Southern Ocean from Uruguay, John Chitteneden, the Creightons skipper, told other yachts in the fleet that he had been forced to head for the sheltered waters of the Kerguelen Islands to make repairs to the yacht's mast.

Nothing more was heard from the yacht yesterday, but the Argos satellite plot put her 40 miles west of the islands, still 2,375 miles to the finish. Three weeks ago, the yacht was forced to turn back to Punta del Este to replace a broken shroud.

Two weeks ago, two of their crew were washed overboard, but thanks to a prototype personal locator system fitted to the yacht, both were found, though tragically, the pick-up was too late to save Tony Phillips, the Creightons watchleader.

The barren French islands, in the Southern Ocean, are used for scientific studies and have a small harbour. However, yachts are not guaranteed shelter there, as Britain's Joint Services crew on Satquote British Defender found to their cost a week ago.

Lt Com Colin Watkins, Satquote's skipper, said on arrival yesterday that he decided to stop in the Kerguelens to borrow welding equipment to repair the yacht's boom. However, with winds whistling around these rocky outcrops at 60 knots, the harbour proved untenable.

Instead, the servicemen were forced to continue under a trisail and storm jib for two days, until the inboard end of the spar had been strapped up with wire.

For Watkins and his crew, this 7,650-mile stage seems to have been one continuous round of mend and make-do, starting with a broken forestay when the bow connector sheared.

"It went with quite a bang. The forestay curled up like a pig's tail, breaking the alloy headfoil," Wing Commander Ken Harper said yesterday. "If it had not been for the inner forestay, we would have lost the mast."

Without sufficient spare headfoil sections or any sail hanks, the crew were forced to use the clips on their safety harnesses to attach the smallest jibs to the forestay, which they had re-attached to the bows, using wire tensioned with bottle screws.

They eventually finished a disappointing twelfth, and now lie almost five days behind the leaders, knowing that all chance of success in this race is spent.

Equally disappointed yesterday was Joe English, the skipper of NCB Ireland, which finished half an hour behind Satquote, after losing four days repairing their boom. "There was a clean break just behind the vang, which appears to have been caused by a point load," English said.

Skip Novak, skipper of the Russian entry, Fazisi, which suffered a similar experience, was more direct. "The manufacturer should be providing us all with new booms free of charge," he said. The American also was uncomplimentary about the food during this latest leg.

The average meal, he said, consisted of a lump of low quality meat floating in a bowl of tepid, watery soup. "We ate worse than prisoners," he said, after tucking in to his first plate of Australian fare.

LATEST FINISHERS: 12, Satquote British Defender, Lt Com C Watkins (GB), 29days 3hrs 39min 14sec; 13, NCB Ireland, J English (Ire), 29:10:39:02; 14, Belmont Finland II, H Harkimo (Fin), 29:15:57:55. **Overall** (after two legs): 12, Satquote British Defender, 58:00:25:35; 13, Belmont Finland, 58:12:18:10; 14, NCB Ireland, 58:18:06:48. **Leading positions of yachts still at sea** (compiled at 15:00 GMT yesterday, with nautical miles to Fremantle): **Maxi Division:** 15, Liverpool Enterprise, B Salmon (GB), 722. **Division 2:** 1, Equity and Law, D Nauta (Neth), 418. **Division 3:** 1, Maiden, T Edwards (GB), 1,130; 2, L'Esprit de Liberte, P Taberly (Fr), 1,243; 3, Rucanor Sport, B Dubois (Bel), 1,312; 4, Schlussel von Bremen, H Muler-Rohlke (WG), 1,382; 5, La Poste, D Malle (Fr), 2,210. **Cruiser Class:** 1, With Integrity, A Coghil (GB), 1,709; 2, Creighton's Naturally, J Chittenden (GB), 2,906.

● *Compiled from British Telecom data*

Non-stop around the world

By Malcolm McKeag

An estimated 40,000 spectators crowded into and around the tiny French port of Les Sables d'Olonneon, on the Atlantic coast, on Sunday to watch just 13 sailors set off in the second round the world yacht race to be started this year.

The main difference between this French-promoted Globe Challenge and the British-promoted Whitbread race is that the Globe's 13 sailors are in 13 different yachts and they do not plan to pull in for a rest until they get back to where they started from early next year.

The Globe race is a single-handed, non-stop affair. Its sailing instructions could hardly be simpler: leave Good Hope and The Horn to port, Antarctica to starboard and do not take anyone with you.

If yesterday's fair winds hold true, the heavily-sponsored, highly individualistic fleet should be off "Bon Esperance" by Christmas and rounding "le Horn" in February.

If they keep to schedule, Cape Horn will be positively crowded for they will have caught up with the Whitbread racers, who are also scheduled to be there by mid to late February.

Ironically, the Royal Naval Sailing Association wanted to include a class for these yachts in their Whitbread race, to sail with a crew of four or five.

That was rejected by the competitors who had already signed up; they realized that the unrestricted design of these 60ft solo racers would outclass their own, more conventional, boats.

The Globe race boats could hardly be more different from the Whitbread boats, which are designed to the International Offshore Rule, a handicap-design formula which dictates the shape of the yacht and actually produces boats relatively slow for their size. The Globe boats must simply be no more than 60ft in length.

Designed only to the natural laws of hydrodynamics, they have shallow, canoe-like bodies ballasted by very deep keels and driven by relatively small, efficient sailplans. Many also use water-ballast, pumped into side tanks when beating to windward, pumped overboard when not needed, something forbidden under the rules of normal yacht racing.

The Globe Challenge has been organized by Philippe Jeantot and has attracted the leading French sailors who enjoy in France a public profile comparable to that of racing drivers or snooker players in this country.

Jeantot will sail a new Marc Lombard design which, like most of the fleet, is a sloop, although there are two two-stickers in the race.

Jean-Francois Coste is taking Eric Tabarly's old schooner Pen Duick II, now renamed Cacharel, and Jeantot's great rival Philippe Poupon, still sailing for Fleury Michon, has a new Briand-designed ketch.

The schooner is unlikely to be in the frame, but Poupon's ketch could mirror the ketch versus sloop battle in the Whitbread race.

There are only two non-French competitors: Bertie Reed, the South African long-distance solo racer, and Mike Plant, of the United States.

Plant brought his boat, Duracell, across the Atlantic to Les Sables from Newport, Rhode Island, in 14 days, an average of 230 miles a day. Undoubtedly these sleek and seakindly racers are capable of even higher speeds than the Whitbread boats.

The limiting factor will be that they have only one person on board to drive them hard, instead of 22.

SNOOKER



Tight spot: Dennis Taylor contemplates a snooker laid by Mike Hallett at Preston

Hendry's confidence intact

By Steve Acteson

Stephen Hendry knows full well that if he is to displace Steve Davis as snooker's No. 1 then he must be seen to achieve more than just first place on the rankings list.

Davis, the world champion, would have the aura of being the No. 1 next season even if he is second, but Hendry, aged 20, could go a long way towards underlining his own credentials by winning the StormSeal United Kingdom championship next Sunday, a title Davis has won six times since 1980 and the second most important on the calendar.

Davis, who plays the winner of yesterday's fifth-round match between Mike Hallett and Dennis Taylor in the quarter-finals tomorrow, has dropped 10 frames in three matches so far. Hendry let slip only two in his first two encounters, but on Sunday night he struggled to contain Dean Reynolds, the world No. 15, 9-8.

Reynolds held the whip hand until the last two frames, when Hendry first forced the decider and then, from 22-0 in arrears, capitalized on a missed pink by Reynolds to launch a winning break of 85 before saying: "There's no better time to be in front for the first time than at the winning line."

Hendry, his youthful confidence brimming over, is still looking upwards in career terms but John Parrott, the world No. 2, has the look of a man perpetually looking over his shoulder.

Having won the European Open last season and reached the world championship final, where he lost 18-3 to Davis, he has not yet recovered from that beating. He was 7-0 and 8-1 behind to the world No. 38, Gary Wilkinson, in their fifth-round match on Sunday before salvaging pride, if little else, by pulling up to 8-6 before Wilkinson's fifteenth-frame run of 78 settled matters.

RESULTS: Fifth round (England unless stated): Yesterday: A Knowles leads T Griffiths (Wales), 5-5; M Hallett leads D Taylor (N Ire), 4-3. Sunday: G Wilkinson bt J Parrott, 9-8; S Hendry (Scot) bt D Reynolds, 9-8.

Oxford are rattled in second half

By Peter Bills

Oxford University 28
Scottish Students..... 25

Brian Smith, the Oxford University captain, uses the word nightmare to describe his team's injury-riddled term and when Oxford's 22-3 lead at half-time crumbled to 22-19 at Iffley Road yesterday the description seemed apt.

Scottish Students, having met for their first training session only 24 hours earlier, showed much bravery and no little commitment in rattling the university after half-time.

Oxford players such as Coker, Fewtrell, Van der Merwe and James were huge by comparison with their rivals and the weight told in the forwards. Oxford dominated the set scrums and lineouts but the Scots, despite building hopes without straw, possessed considerable ingenuity.

Talent behind the scrum was also much in evidence, especially in the half backs, Jardine and Simmers, and both of the wings. Only when Wood crashed over late in the second half after a lineout drive were Oxford safe. But, even then, Murray scored the Scots' fourth try right at the end. Tries by Shepherd and Adam for the students after half-time completed splendid flowing movements.

Oxford dominated the first half on a frosty ground. The bitter chill eased only slightly as Okoli, James, Coker, Eugene Egan and Van der Merwe drove over for tries. Oxford were without six of the side they expect to play at Twickenham. Four of those missing were from behind the scrum.

SCORERS: Oxford: Tries: Okoli, James, Coker, E Egan, Van der Merwe, Wood. Conversions: E Egan (2). Scottish Students: Tries: Lancaster, Shepherd, Adam, Murray. Conversions: Shepherd (3). Dropped goal: Simmers.

OXFORD: N Fitzwalter (Skinners and Keble); G M Hein (Taft HS and St Anne's), N George (Lancaster RGS and Exeter), E Egan (Stonyhurst and Jesus), S Okoli (Dundee and Worcester); B Smith (Brisbane State HS and St Anne's), S C Taylor (Whitgift and University); A M James (Brisbane State HS and St Anne's), E R Norwitz (South African Collegiate and University), D W James (Highland HS California and St Anne's), M S Egan (Terenure College and St Anne's), T Coker (St Paul's Brisbane and Lady Margaret Hall), J C Fewtrell (Knox GS Sydney and St Anne's), D Wood (St Paul's School and St Catherine's), W M Van der Merwe (Grey College, Bloemfontein, and St Anne's).

SCOTTISH STUDENTS: C Redpath (Dundee College); K Squires (Edinburgh Univ), S McGeachey (South Glamorgan Inst), R Shepherd (Moray House College of Education), R Adam (Edinburgh Univ); C Simmers (Edinburgh Univ), S Jardine (S Glamorgan Inst); S Baird (Napier Poly, rep: G Kenyard, Edinburgh Univ), G Petersen (Glasgow Univ), G McKee (Glasgow College), S Lessels (Elmwood College), S Paul (Edinburgh Univ), S Aitken (Napier Poly), S Lancaster (Leeds Poly, rep: A Mack, Heriot Watt Univ), A Murray (Manchester Univ).

Referee: A John (North Midlands).

RFU finds Courage to change

By David Hands

The Rugby Football Union's decision to increase the number of clubs in the national divisions of the Courage Championship will prove a blessing for Gosforth this season. With only one point from seven league matches, they looked doomed for relegation but the revised structure will save them.

The RFU committee at last week's meeting endorsed the competition sub-committee's recommendation to increase the first three national divisions, and what will be known now as division four north and division four south to 13 clubs. The rest of the league will go up to 13 clubs during the 1992-3 season, after the World Cup, which implies some temporary revision to early-season fixtures in 1991.

To achieve an extra club in each division, the RFU has adopted the following formula: one club will be relegated from the first division and two promoted from the second. There will be no relegation from the second but two clubs will be promoted from the third and only one relegated.

Two clubs from each of the north and south will be promoted to the third and one relegated from each, with the further promotion of two clubs from each of the senior divisions in the North, Midlands, London and South-West.

● There will be a final New Zealand echo today — a postscript to the main tour — when several of the All Blacks play against a past Oxbridge XV, at Iffley Road, Oxford. The touring New Zealand youth team plays its final match under lights, at Hertford, against London Under-21.

LONDON UNDER-21: H Graham (Egremont/Army); K Morley (Sheffield), W Waghorn (Richmond), G Thompson (Harlequins), K Hannen (Southend); A Lee (Saracens), C Mahon (London Irish); G Reynolds (Cheshunt), J Locke (University College, Cardiff), W Hallett (Southend), N Lamb (Wasps), C Bickle (Wasps), A Millward (Rossiyn Park), A Phillips (Saracens), E Peters (Loughborough University). **Replacements:** C Dossett (Loughborough University), D Dooley (Saracens), P Brooke (Brentwood), J Bennett (Liverpool University/Army), M Begley (Blackheath), J van Poortvliett (Bedford).

Wallabies face All Blacks

Sydney (AFP) — Australia play the All Blacks in three international matches and take on a full-strength Auckland provincial side in the 12-game Wallaby tour of New Zealand next July.

ITINERARY: July 11: Waikato (Hamilton). July 14: Auckland (Auckland). July 17: West Coast/Buller (Greymouth). July 21: New Zealand (Christchurch). July 28: Hawan Shield Selection (Timaru). July 28: Otago (Dunedin). July 31: North Auckland (Whangarei). August 4: New Zealand (Auckland). August 8: North Harbour (North Shore). August 11: Taranaki (New Plymouth). August 14: Bay Of Plenty (Rotorua). August 18: New Zealand (Wellington).

ICE HOCKEY

Cardiff dispel doubts about their credibility

By Norman de Mesquita

If there was any lingering doubt about the credibility of Cardiff Devils, it was surely dispelled this weekend when they became the first team in Heineken League history to stop the mighty Durham Wasps scoring.

While Jeff Smith turned aside 24 shots, his attack registered 10 goals. True, the Wasps were without Brad Beck, but his presence would have been unlikely to have altered the result and nothing should detract from Cardiff's performance.

Another goaltender to shine was Kevin Dean, of Whitley Warriors, as his side were outshot 59-31 by Nottingham Panthers but won 8-5.

Murrayfield Racers had a close away win over Ayr Raiders and an emphatic home win over Fife Flyers to maintain their challenge to the Devils. Tony Hand had his most productive game of the season against the Flyers to move ahead of Ian Cooper of Cardiff as leading British scorer in the premier division.

Scott Neil, who scored eight points in the rout of Fife, has moved into fourteenth position and there are now three British players in the top 14, the first time this has happened.

In the first division, Medway Bears exposed the limitations of the newly promoted Humberside Seahawks and, with Gary Brine playing superbly in goal, kept Scott Morrison scoreless for the first time this season and moved a point ahead of the Seahawks with two games in hand.

At the other end of the table, Lee Valley Lions beat Streatham Redskins in Sunday's London derby, but the Redskins can consider themselves unfortunate.

RESULTS: Heineken League: Premier division: Air Raiders 5, Murrayfield Racers 8; Cardiff Devils 10, Durham Wasps 0; Fife Flyers 12, Peterborough Pirates 6; Nottingham Panthers 5, Whitley Warriors 8; Durham Wasps 11, Peterborough Pirates 1; Murrayfield Racers 16, Fife Flyers 3; Solihull Barons 6, Nottingham Panthers 5; Whitley Warriors 3, Cardiff Devils 11. First division: Deeside Dragons 11, Streatham Redskins 14; Humberside Seahawks 8, Slough Jets 5; Swindon Wildcats 8, Cleveland Bombers 8; Telford Tigers 13, Trafford Metros 8; Cleveland Bombers 8, Slough Jets 10; Medway Bears 13, Humberside Seahawks 2; Streatham Redskins 6, Lee Valley Lions 8.

VOLLEYBALL

Cubans and sponsor boost women's event

By Roddy Mackenzie

The English Volleyball Association (EVA) has eased any financial worries concerning next month's women's international tournament, to be held at the G-Mex Centre in Manchester, by signing up a new sponsor.

Although details have still to be finalized, the sponsorship — together with the support of Manchester's Olympic bid — will go a long way to meeting the cost of what has become an expensive tournament.

Having moved the annual tournament from London to Reading and now to Manchester, the EVA has still organized an awesome line-up and deserves praise for offering the British public the chance to see top-class volleyball on their own doorstep.

Cuba, who boycotted the Olympics but are widely regarded as the world's top side, have confirmed their intention to compete and the Soviet Union, Olympic and European champions, have confirmed they are competing. Canada have also been fixed up for the tournament which will be staged from January 9 to 11. England will compete but to what extent is uncertain.

Meanwhile, Brixton Knights took a significant step towards their first women's first division title in the Royal Bank English League at the weekend by beating Britannia, the champions, 15-10, 16-14, 12-15, 15-7. Sovereign Leasing Sale defeated Hilton Leeds 15-3, 15-2, 15-12.

In the men's first division, Malory, the champions, eased through against Time Out Spark 15-0, 15-6, 15-12, and Speedwell Rucanor had valuable wins over Reebok Liverpool City and Hilton Leeds.

In Scotland, Adscreen Kyle, the women's champions, have been disappointed by the announcement that Vince Krawczyk, their coach for the last 3½ years, has given up due to personal commitments.

The Ayr team, nevertheless, won their two matches over the weekend — against Hydrasun Tullos (15-0, 15-9, 15-1) and Deloitte Hazlehead (15-2, 15-2, 15-3).

BADMINTON

Bath time is no fun time for Baddeley

Steve Baddeley has withdrawn from the Carlsberg Commonwealth Challenge, the televised invitation tournament providing competition for members of England's Auckland-bound squad which takes place today and tomorrow at Bath (Richard Eaton writes).

Baddeley, who was unexpectedly knocked out of the quarter-finals of the Scottish Open on Friday, is exhausted after playing or travelling for 41 out of the last 49 days. His respite will be brief because he travels in five days' time to the World Grand Prix finals in Singapore, which are closely followed by the national championships.

Baddeley can be adequately replaced because England are unusually well off with singles players at the moment but his absence is still a blow. He is the reigning Commonwealth champion and would have helped promote an event that has two hours of BBC television.

Now the spotlight may shift more towards England's other Commonwealth champion, Helen Troke, and her rivalry with Fiona Smith.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Zenith Data Systems Cup
Second round

Barnsley v Leeds
Bournemouth v Chelsea (7.45)
Hull v Aston Villa
Newcastle v Oldham
Stoke v Bradford C
C Palace v Luton

Leyland Daf Cup
Preliminary round

Aldershot v Birmingham
Blackpool v Bury
Bolton v Crewe
Burnley v Stockport
Chester v Rochdale
Doncaster v Grimsby
Fulham v Notts County
Gillingham v Cambridge (7.45)
Hartlepool v Rotherham
Leyton Orient v Mansfield (7.45)
Northampton v Maidstone
Walsall v Shrewsbury

GM Vauxhall Conference

Stafford v Cheltenham
Wycombe v Merthyr

CLUBCALL CUP: Third round: Bromsgrove v Colne Dynamoes; Crawley v Harrow; Marlow v Leyton-Wingate; Moseley v Bangor; Wokingham v Bishop's Stortford (7.45).
VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Hendon v St Albans.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Presidnet's Cup: First round, second leg: (First round score in brackets): Marine (1) v Rhyl (0). Premier division: Goole v Frickley; Witton v Stalybridge.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Insurance Cup: Second round, first leg: Dover v Margate. Second round, second leg: Barry v Waterlooville; Bridgnorth v Halesowen; Gloucester v Dorchester; Moor Green v Bedworth.
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Oldham Athletic (7.0).
OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Charlton v Swindon (2.0); Chelsea v Queen's Park Rangers (2.0); Millwall v Watford (2.0).
FA YOUTH CUP: Brentford v Leyton Orient.
OTHER MATCH: Walton and Hersham v Sutton United.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Combined Universities v New Zealand XV, Oxford (3.0).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: London U21 v New Zealand Youth, Hertford (7.0).
CLUB MATCHES: Nottingham v Loughborough Students (7.15); Tredegar v Newport (7.0) Wakefield v Moseley.

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: UK Championship, Guild Hall, Preston.
BADMINTON: Commonwealth Cup, Bath.

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 11.30am-1.30pm and 9.15-10.15pm: National Football League: Game of the week, and College match.
BADMINTON: Eurosport 7-8pm: Highlights of the World Cup from China.
BOBSLEIGH: Eurosport 5-6pm: Highlights of the two-man event from Altenburg, East Germany.
BOXING: Screensport 10-11.30am: Professional event from the United States.
DARTS: ITV 11.45pm-12.35am: Cockney Classic from the ex-serviceman's club, Sunbury.
Eurosport 1-2pm: Superboats: Arroyo v Alli from Atlantic City, United States.
EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 8-9pm: Showjumping from Berlin.
EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 8.30-9am.
EUROSPORT — WHAT A WEEK: Eurosport 6-7 and 9-10pm: Review of the week's sport.
FOOTBALL: Screensport 7-9am and 7.30-9.15pm: Spanish League: Barcelona v Real Sporting and Barcelona v Real Zaragoza: Eurosport 9-10am: World Cup highlights.
ICE HOCKEY: Eurosport: 10-midday: The National Hockey League: Game of the week: Hartford Whalers v Buffalo Sabres: Screensport 4-6pm: The National Hockey League.
INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 9-10am.
MOTOR SPORT: Eurosport 11pm-12.30am: Highlights of the five-day Lombard RAC rally.
RACING: Screensport 9-10am: Melbourne Cup and Japan Cup.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 2.30-4 and 6-7.30pm: Tour matches: Highlights of Aude v New Zealand from Carcassone and France B v New Zealand from Albi.
SNOOKER: Eurosport 2-5pm: Highlights of the Dubai Open: Finals: BBC1 2.15-3.50pm and 11.05pm-12.40am: UK Championship from the Guildhall, Preston.
TENNIS: Screensport 11.15pm: Highlights of the Virginia Slims Championship from Madison Square Garden, United States: Finals.
UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.
WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: Screensport 1.30-2.30pm.

FOOTBALL: HILLSBOROUGH OCCASION WILL SERVE AS A SAD REMINDER OF BRITAIN'S WORST SPORTING TRAGEDY

Liverpool make a poignant return

By Martin Searby

Tomorrow Liverpool make their first return to Hillsborough since a sunny April Saturday was turned into the blackest day in football history by the death of 95 of their supporters at the start of the FA Cup semi-final against Nottingham Forest.

The Leppings Lane terraces will stand empty, as they have done since and are likely to remain for the forseeable future. Before the kick-off Ronnie Whelan and Lawrie Madden, the respective captains, will lay wreaths against the perimeter fencing and there will be a minute's silence as the teams stand in the centre circle.

In that time the horror of that Saturday will no doubt come flooding back to haunt the 4,500 Liverpool supporters who will be seated in the stands immediately above the concrete terracing where so many died. For Graham Mackrell, the Sheffield Wednesday secretary, it will be yet another reminder of the nightmare that will live with him for the rest of his life.

"I've thought about what happened a thousand times since but I still don't know that I could have done anything to prevent it," he said. "I have been criticized for not standing up to the police and insisting that Liverpool had the much bigger Kop end of the ground but I was not in a position to argue with them about transport and control outside the ground, areas in which they are the experts. Liverpool and Leeds had used the Leppings Lane end in the two previous years against less well supported clubs without any real problems and there seemed no compelling reason to change."

Hillsborough was staging its 28th semi-final since the war and used all the accumulated wisdom of previous experience, contained in dossiers for each match, as well as the staging of the World Cup matches in 1966. "Given all that, it still happened and we have all had to live with it since and we are unlikely to stage another semi-final, for many many years," Mackrell said.

"To put it mildly, it has been a difficult time since with a tremendous workload, including dealing with social services, support groups, the inquiry and other interested parties and it is not going to get any less."

Mackrell has also had the onerous job of refusing requests from Liverpool supporters, some of them the bereaved, to lay wreaths on the terraces tomorrow. I can understand the relatives' sorrow, but the terraces must remain closed under the terms of our safety certificate. There have been discussions between the social services departments of Sheffield and Liverpool as well as the two clubs and we are all agreed that the game should not be turned into a pilgrimage."

It will cost £500,000 to redevelop the Leppings Lane end of the ground which is trapped in a triangle of an urban sprawl which did not exist when the ground was built 90 years ago. Then it was thought people would not travel outside the city centre to watch football, but the coming of two big housing estates and the move away from the middle of the city has surrounded the ground with streets of terraced houses and made reorganization at the ill-fated end impossible.

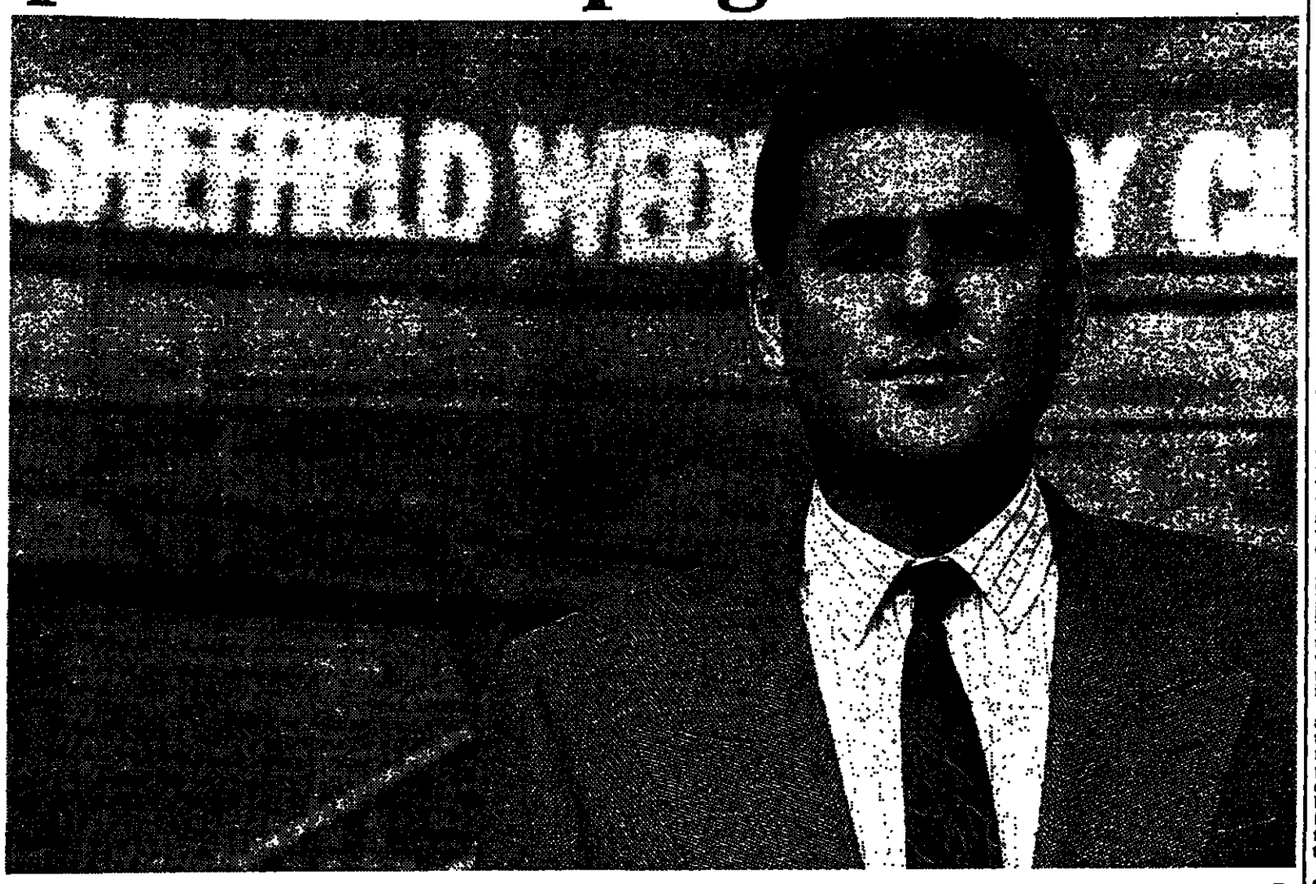
The lay-out at the Leppings Lane end was and is the major problem," Mackrell — who moved to Sheffield three years ago after periods as secretary with Luton Town and Bournemouth — said. "Hillsborough has been overtaken by movement of the local population and we are now hemmed in with no room to alter the turnstiles or access at that end."

Mackrell knows that the events 227 days ago will never go away for any of the 85 staff at the Yorkshire club. "Every day there is a reminder of some sort and it will be with me for the rest of my life. The people who died will never be forgotten, nor are those who perished at Zeebrugge, Lockerbie or Manchester Airport. But life has to go on and if you allow yourself to wallow in sorrow you simply can't function. I have a responsibility as a senior executive of the club to keep Sheffield Wednesday going and in turn that has sustained me."

The minutae of what happened will resurface next June when the first of two test cases are scheduled to be heard in Liverpool with South Yorkshire police the first defendents, Wednesday the second, Sheffield City council the third, and the club's consulting engineers the fourth.

"All parties are represented by high powered lawyers and reputations are not as important as liability to them," Mackrell said. "So far there has been no chance to put forward an honest or moral point of view and that day may never come."

Having dealt with safety and crowd control in his interim report, the last official word will lie with Lord Justice Taylor's full analysis which will be produced next year, and, it is hoped, give a much wider picture of what happened



Scene of tragedy: Graham Mackrell, the Sheffield Wednesday secretary, at the Leppings Lane end where 95 Liverpool supporters perished last April

TENNIS

Becker comes out against 'terrible' Grand Slam Cup

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, New York

The Nabisco Masters in New York has traditionally been as much an end-of-season gossip shop as a tennis tournament. With the new $8 million Grand Slam Cup in the air and subversive talk of rival tours for 1991, this year has been no different.

Yesterday Boris Becker, the world champion-designate, became the first of the leading players to say categorically that he did not intend to play in the Grand Slam Cup, initially and controversially scheduled by the International Tennis Federation for Munich next December.

Previously Becker has said that the money — $2 million for the winner — was tempting and that he would have to see what was behind it before reaching any conclusion. His conclusion will not please the hard-pressed officials at the ITF.

"As it stands now, I will not play. If it was just an ordinary promoter putting on an exhibition that might be all right, but it's the ITF, the head of tennis, organizing it and that's why it is bad. They want to make sure everyone knows who is the chief in tennis.

"With the new ATP [Association of Tennis Professionals] tour starting in January, they felt they didn't have so much power any more so they have done it for their own ego and not looked at what might be good for the game. For the long-term future of tennis, it's a terrible thing to do," said Becker.

If Becker is the first and most significant of the top players to hop off the fence on the side of the ATP, whose own finals are scheduled for Frankfurt a fortnight before the proposed Grand Slam Cup, the rest, with one notable exception, seemed to have hardened their attitudes as well after a players' meeting on Sunday night.

"The players are against the Cup for two reasons," said John McEnroe. "First, it breaks the vacation which we have worked so hard to get; second, there would be much more sympathy if a good proportion of the money went to charity and to promoting junior tennis."

The one dissenting voice is Ivan Lendl, who has not only committed himself to playing in the Grand Slam Cup, but put his weight behind the idea of the ITF establishing a rival tour. "I differ from the other players and the ATP. If there was an attempt to start another tour, that would be great for tennis because there would be more competition and a better product," said the world No. 1. And, of course, lots more money for the players.

Instinctively, the players want to stay loyal to their own tour, for all its faults. Instinctively, they are suspicious of the ITF and of their Cup, which they see as a way of sabotaging the climax to their tour. Instinctively, too, they feel $2 million for a week's work is "obscene". But, rationally, they are professional players and it is not their fault if someone wants to give them a goldmine. Time will tell whether instinct or reason prevails.

The tournament which begins today in Madison Square Gardens is the last Nabisco Masters and the last to be held in New York, at least for the moment.

ROD LAVER GROUP: I Lendl (Cz), J McEnroe (US), M Chang (US), A Krickstein (US). ILIE NASTASE GROUP: B Becker (WG), S Edberg (Swe), A Agassi (US), B Gilbert (US). TODAY'S ORDER OF PLAY: A Agassi v S Edberg; I Lendl v M Chang; B Becker v B Gilbert.

BOXING

Mason is warned of an early fall

By Srikumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent

Gary Mason had better watch his step for the first couple of rounds when the bell goes for his contest against Mark Wills, of the United States, at the Grand Hall, Wembley, on December 6 — or the Englishman could be on the floor for the first time in his career.

That was the warning from Wills after arriving in London yesterday. "If Mason comes out swinging it could be a bit of a dustbowl in the ring," Wills said.

The Californian was reacting to questions about the time he was in trouble in the first round against another Englishman, Derek Williams, of the Commonwealth heavyweight champion from Battersea.

Although Wills eventually outpointed Williams in New York, he promised not to be caught cold this time. "He had me dazed for a moment. I believe I didn't start too smart."

This time, Wills's manager, Irving Shaeffer, promised he would be warmed up and ready for Mason. According to Shaeffer, Wills is the "most-avoided heavyweight in the world right now." Shaeffer did not know that Mason had personally chosen Wills after seeing him in trouble against Williams. "This one won't go the distance. We are both big puchers, somebody's going to drop," Wills said. "There's going to be pain — for whoever."

While anything can happen when heavyweights start throwing punches it looks as if that "somebody" could be Wills. Thirty-one of Mason's 32 contests have ended inside the distance, nine of his opponents falling in one round and six in two.

Wills was knocked out in nine by Witherspoon four years ago, and the former world champion stopped him in one the next time they met, two years later.

Wills is little more than a sparring partner, having made a fair living out of helping Tubbs, Tucker, Thomas, and Bruno prepare for Tyson. But he said: "That label has been pinned on me but when I go into camps I go in as a top fighter." Duff says that Wills is "the toughest test to date for Mason."

Three managers in the dock

The Everton manager, Colin Harvey, and two men in charge of fourth division clubs, John Bird, of York City, and Ray McHale, of Scarborough, yesterday became the latest target for the FA's disciplinary clampdown.

The decision to charge all three with bringing the game into disrepute was announced by the FA chief executive, Graham Kelly, minutes before the start of the Arsenal-Norwich inquiry at Lancaster Gate.

The man in the middle of the Highbury fracas, George Tyson, was also involved in the incident that has led to action being taken against Harvey. He gave a free kick against the Everton goalkeeper, Neville Southall for time-wasting during the Littlewoods Cup match at Nottingham Forest, from which Forest scored a late winner.

Kelly confirmed that Bird and McHale were also being dealt with on the strength of the report from the referee, Eddie Parker, who sent off both managers on Friday night after which Bird was arrested and questioned by police for three hours.

● Mark Newson has been stripped of the Bournemouth captaincy, put on the transfer list and fined one week's wages after a row with the club's manager, Harry Redknapp, which escalated after the full back was taken off during the match at Bradford on Saturday.

● Barry Venison and David O'Leary should be compulsorily sidelined for at least three weeks after suffering head injuries in Liverpool's 2-1 win over Arsenal, according to the Football Associations's top doctor.

But both could be back in action this week because the Football League have apparently failed to comply with an FA request to introduce regulations to protect players. The news will dismay the FA's chief medical advisor, Dr John O'Hara, who was convinced that the League had introduced regulations to cover such incidents.

● Mike Bailey, the former Charlton Athletic, Brighton and Wolverhampton Wanderers manager, has succeeded Malcolm Allison as manager at Fisher Athletic, the GM Vauxhall Conference's bottom club.

Moncur leaves bottom club

Bobby Moncur yesterday resigned as the manager of Hartlepool United, the club propping up the Football League.

The former Scotland, Newcastle United and Sunderland captain tried to resign a fortnight ago, but was talked out of it by Garry Gibson, the new club chairman.

Moncur, who has managed Carlisle United, Heart of Midlothian and Plymouth Argyle, would only say yesterday: "I perhaps should have gone two weeks ago."

Bryan Robson, the club coach, and John Craggs, the youth team coach, have taken charge of the fourth division club on a caretaker basis.

● Gordon Durie, the Scottish international forward, makes his comeback after a hernia operation for Chelsea's reserves against Queen's Park Rangers at Stamford Bridge today.

Durie has missed 12 games, as well as Scotland's World Cup qualifying matches against France and Norway, after his second hernia in five months in September.

Bobby Campbell, the Chelsea manager, said: "He has trained well for a few days but we will take his comeback one step at a time."

● Alan Convy, aged 16, of Torquay United, was recovering yesterday after being savaged by a security firm's guard dog in Torquay town centre. He needed stitches to stomach and hand wounds.

● Sudbury Town, last season's beaten finalists, have been drawn at home to Haverhill Rovers in the third round of the FA Challenge Vase. Tamworth, who won last year's competition after a replay, are now in the FA Trophy competition.

DRAW: Droylsden v Rossendale United, Harrogate v Chester-le-Street, Warrington v Netherfield, Guiseley v Northallerton, Emley v Denaby , Curzon Ashton v Bridlington, Darwen v St Helens, Peterlee Newtown v Farsley Celtic, Spalding v Lye Town, Heanor v Gresley or Paget Rangers, Hucknall v Boldmere St Michaels, Bourne Town v Eastwood Hanley, Raunds Town v Hinckley, Rushden v Wisbech, Braintree or Yeading v East Thurrock, Billericay v Aveley, Stotdold v Great Yarmouth, Walthamstow Pennant v Collier Row, Potton Utd v Stevenage, Sudbury v Haverhill, Whitstable v Greenwich, Bracknell v Harefield, Eastleigh v Thatcham Town, Deal v Hythe, Hallsham v Hastings, Vale Rec v Mersham, Corinthian Casuals or Chertsey v Molesey, Cherd v Dawlish, Exmouth v Bashley, Abingdon v Brislington, Paulton or Clandon v Yate Town, Falmouth v Newbury. *Matches to be played on December 16.*

SPORTS POLITICS

Row over physical education

By John Goodbody

The Government was yesterday criticized by the authors for rejecting key recommendations of a report it commissioned on sport and physical education in state schools.

Members of the School Sport Forum were particularly disappointed that the Government had not accepted that trainee primary schoolteachers should receive at least 100 hours' instruction in physical education, and also that teachers' hours should be re-allocated to allow a full range of extra-curricular activities.

Elizabeth Maddock, a leading physical educationist who wrote the original "desk study", described the response as bland. "We are disappointed that the Government has not taken up some of our firm recommendations."

She stressed the importance of physical education at primary school where it should be "on a par with literacy and numeracy" otherwise children can be put off exercise and sport for life.

Keith Smith, of the Secondary Heads' Association, who said there was a worry that schools were "squeezing out" physical education, asked that the Government should consider at least out-of-pocket expenses for teachers taking sport on Saturdays, if not incremental payments.

The report was drawn up in May, 1988, but it is only now that the Government has finally responded.

Angela Rumbold, the Education Minister, yesterday said that there were only six of the 32 recommendations which had not been accepted by the Government, but added that it was not for "Ministers to start laying down what teachers should or should not do". That was up to the working party on the national curriculum, whose PE group would shortly be convened.

Coincidental with the Government's response came the news from Peter Yarranton, the chairman of the Sports Council, that Midland Bank will put £1 million, over three years, into a scheme to encourage participation in sport among school leavers. It will target an expected 400,000 in England and Wales in its first year.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

LEIGH: East Lancashire cross-country league (7½ miles): 1, N O'Brien (Stretford), 35min 26sec; 2, D Ireland (Oldham), 35.33; 3, M Deegan (Salford), 35.42. Teams: 1, Salford, 80pts; 2, Stretford, 146; 3, Stockport, 156.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

TORONTO: Grey Cup final: Saskatchewan Roughriders 43 Hamilton Tiger-Cats 40.

BADMINTON

WORLD GRAND PRIX: Final qualifying tables: Men's singles: 1, M Frost (Den), 1,455; 2, A Kusama (Indo), 1,295; 3, X Gudoko (Ch), 1,205; 4, Yang Yang (Ch), 1,140; 5, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den), 1,120; 6, Foo Kok Keong (Mal), 985; 7, J Suprianto (Indo), 910; 8, S Kukasemtij (Thai), 845; 9, Ardy Wiranata (Indo), 790; 10, E Kurniawan (Indo), 755; 11, J-P Nierhoff (Den), 745; 12, A Nielsen (GB), 740; 13, S Baddeley (GB), 710; 14, Wu Wenkai (Ch), 640. All qualify plus two wild card entries. Women: 1, Tang Jiuhong (Ch), 1,340; 2, S Susanti (Indo), 1,330; 3, U Lingwei (Ch), 1,080; 4, Huang Hua (Ch), 1,060; 5, Han Aiping (Ch), 1,010; 6, H Troke (GB), 945; 7, C Magnusson (Swe), 860; 8, E Coene (Neth), 835; 9, P Nedergaard (Den), 830; 10, A Van der Knaap (Neth), 755; 11, K Larsen (Den), 725. All qualify plus one wild card entry.
ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND INTER COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division, B section: South Glamorgan 10, Kent 7.

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final round: Group B: Italy 106, Poland 75.

CARLSBERG LEAGUE

Premier division

	P	W	L	Pts
Kingston	6	6	0	12
Manchester	5	4	1	8
Sunderland	7	4	3	8
Bracknell	5	3	2	6
Derby	5	3	2	6
London	7	2	5	4
Leicester	6	1	5	2
Solent	7	1	6	2

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Portland Trail Blazers 102, Detroit Pistons 82; Los Angeles Clippers 120, Chicago Bulls 96; Los Angeles Lakers 132, San Antonio Spurs 112.

Eastern Conference

Atlantic division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York Knicks	7	4	.636	–
Philadelphia 76ers	7	4	.636	–
Boston Celtics	7	7	.500	1½
Washington Bullets	7	7	.500	1½
Miami Heat	4	10	.286	4½
New Jersey Nets	3	9	.250	4½

Central division

Indiana Pacers	6	4	.600	–
Detroit Pistons	7	6	.583	–
Atlanta Hawks	6	5	.545	½
Milwaukee Bucks	6	5	.545	1½
Chicago Bulls	7	6	.538	1½
Cleveland Cavaliers	5	6	.455	1½
Orlando Magic	5	7	.417	2

Western Conference

Midwest division

Utah Jazz	7	3	.700	–
Denver Nuggets	6	4	.667	–
San Antonio Spurs	6	5	.545	1½
Houston Rockets	7	6	.538	1½
Dallas Mavericks	5	6	.455	2½
Charlotte Hornets	3	8	.273	4½
Minnesota Twolves	2	11	.154	6½

Pacific division

Los Angeles Lakers	10	1	.909	–
Portland Trail Blazers	10	3	.769	1
Seattle Supersonics	7	6	.538	4
Phoenix Suns	5	5	.500	4½
Los Angeles Clippers	4	6	.400	5½
Sacramento Kings	4	7	.364	6
Golden State Warriors	3	8	.273	7

CRICKET

NATIONAL INDOOR PREMIER LEAGUE: Lancing 56, Rochdale 83, Manchester 47, Peterborough 26, Wolverhampton 58, Walsall 45; Wellingborough 99, Derby 84; Hull 93, Tonenham 95, Leeds 80, Bamford 100; Ipswich 101, Sheffield 102.

WATER POLO

ZAGREB: European Cup: Final, second leg: Mladost (Yug) 11, Spandau (WG) 9 (aet, Mladost won 20-19 on agg).

CYCLO-CROSS

LEEDS: Falcon National Trophy: Second round: 1, D Baker (Peugeot), 1:05.50; 2, S Douce (Raleigh-Banana), 1:06.58; 3, T Gould (Peugeot), 1:07.20; 4, B Clarke (Wembley), 1:07.56; 5, C Young (Ever Ready), 1:08.04; 6, F Salmon (Peugeot), 1:09.14. Overall positions: 1, Baker, 80pts; 2, Douce, 72; 3, Gould, 61; 4, P Van de Abele (Bel), 57; 5, Salmon, 56; 6, Young, 54.

WAREHAM: Poole Wheelers (13 miles): 1, R Knight (Crabwood CC), 58:42; 2, L Lloyd (Dolton Phoenix), at 54sec; 3, A MacDonald (GS Europa), at 3:32.

GLASGOW: Scottish national championship (15 miles):1, M Coll (Ace RT-Peugeot), 1hr 11mn 44sec; 2, M Ayres (Edinburgh RC), 1:14.08; 3, P Ross (Ivy CC), 1:15.38.

COVENTRY: Coventry Wheels Centre (12 miles): 1, S McNamara (Coventry Olympic), 1:26.00.

BUNGAY: Godric CC (11 miles): 1, G Baker (Ever Ready), 48:05.

NEWCASTLE UNDER LYME: City of Stoke (10 miles): 1, A Timms (Raleigh Banana), 1:00:00; 2, W Cannon (Chesterfield Couriers), 1:00:30; 3, K Clarke (Buxton CC), 1:00:40.

GATESHEAD: North Eastern CCA (11 miles): 1, B Carr (Ashington RC), 52:00; 2, S Wisby (Teesside Clarion), 52:25; 3, A McClure (Newcastle Chevvy), 52:45.

GOLF

ALOHA, Spain: European amateur club championship (36 holes): 1, Ealing (J O'Shea (74-72), R Wilson (79-76), A Rogers (80-76). SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, G Norman (Aus), avg 18.17pts; 2, N Faldo (GB), 16.15; 3, S Ballesteros (Sp), 15.08; 4, C Strange (US), 13.69; 5, P Stewart (US), 12.82; 6, T Kite (US), 12.41; 7, J-M Olazabal (Sp), 12.01; 8, M Calcavecchia (US), 11.52; 9, J Woosnam (GB), 11.56; 10, P Azinger (US), 10.95; 11, C Beck (US) 10.59; 12, M Ozaki (Japan) 10.24; 13, A Lyle (GB), 9.52; 14, D Frost (SA), 9.18; 15, F Couples (US), 9.09; 16, B Crenshaw (US), 8.43; 17, B Langer (WG), 8.41; 18, M McCumber (US), 8.39; 19, L Mize (US), 7.49; 20, R Rafferty (GB), 7.06.

HANDBALL

BRITISH LEAGUE: Men: Kirkby Select 19, Tryst '77 24; Birkenhead 24, Strathclyde University 16; Manchester United SSS 34, Wakefield 17; Rushp Eagles 26, Great Dane 15. Women: Manchester United SSS 18, Wakefield Metros 14.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (WHL): Buffalo Sabres 4, Hartford Whalers 2; New York Rangers 3, Quebec Nordiques 1; Minnesota North Stars 5, Chicago Black Hawks 3; Vancouver Canucks 3, Los Angeles Kings 3 (ot).

Wales Conference

Patrick Division

	W	L	T	Pts
New York Rangers	13	8	4	30
Philadelphia Flyers	10	10	3	23
New Jersey Devils	10	10	3	23
Pittsburgh Penguins	9	12	2	20
Washington Capitals	8	11	4	20
New York Islanders	5	17	3	13

Adams Division

Buffalo Sabres	15	5	4	34
Montreal Canadiens	15	10	2	32
Boston Bruins	13	7	2	28
Hartford Whalers	11	13	1	23
Quebec Nordiques	6	17	2	14

Campbell Conference

Norris division

Minnesota North Stars	16	6	1	33
Chicago Black Hawks	14	10	2	30
St Louis Blues	11	7	4	26
Toronto Maple Leafs	11	14	0	22
Detroit Red Wings	5	14	3	15

Smythe Division

Calgary Flames	10	9	8	28
Los Angeles Kings	12	10	2	26
Edmonton Oilers	10	10	5	25
Winnipeg Jets	11	12	1	23
Vancouver Canucks	9	11	4	22

RUGBY LEAGUE

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: British Colleges 26 Brazil Polytechnics 18.
STUDENTS CUP: Quarter-final: Leicester Univ 6, Exeter Univ 24.

SQUASH RACKETS

PONTEFRACT: Inter-county junior plate championship: Yorkshire 3, Northumbria 0.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: St John's College, Southsea 30, Chichester JS 8; All Hallows 13, Kelly 6; Beechen Cliff 10, Prior Park 24; Bristol GS 21, Plymouth College 0; Campion 70, Queen Elizabeth 0; Coopers' Coborn 11, Barnorths 10; Dean Close 8, Pates 3; Desborough 9, Lord Wilkes Thane 9; Dover 16, Sir Roger Manwood's 12; Felsted 25, Ipswich 7; Queen's, Taunton 12, Wells Cathedral 17; John Fisher 12, St Dunstonians College 13; Hymers 6, Mount St Mary's 11; King Henry VIII, Coventry 25, Babkake 3; King's, Rochester 0, Simon Valence 14; King's, Worcester 22, Broomgrove 10; Leeds GS 32, Hall Cross 12; Milton Abbey 25, Cleyesmore 4; Monkton Combe 27, Wellington, Somerset 0; Nottingham HS 21, RGS Worcester 3; Oratory 18, Magdalen 0; OEH Bristol 46, Kingswood 0; The Leys 14, Bedford Modern 10; Trent College 12, Berstone College 8; Old Albanians 15 Ipswich 10; King Edward's, Bath 13, Bishop Wordsworth 6; St Paul's 16, Dulwich 3; Aberaeron 12, Tregaron 0; Alan College 9, Swansea College 24; East Wales 15, Mid Glamorgan 7; Glan Y Mor 22, Mass Yr Yrls 4; Howarden 19, Llanishen 10; Monmoth 15, Porthcawl 10; Nantyglo 24, Caerleon 0; Queen Elizabeth, Cambria 22, Coedcae 4.

TENNIS

TELFORD: VLTA inter-county cups: Finals: women: Middlesex bt Nottingham,8-5. Men: Scotland 3, Middlesex 2.
EASTBOURNE: Marylebone Estates 16 and under championships: Girls' final: M Hughes (Wales) bt K Cross (Devon), 6-2, 6-3. Boys' final: M MacLagan (Scot) bt P Fowler (Durham and Cleveland), 6-4, 5-2.
ATP MONEY-WINNERS: 1, B Becker (WG), $1,501,823, 2, I Lendl (Cz) 1,439,367; 3, S Edberg (Swe), 970,491; 4, J McEnroe (US), 721,023; 5, B Gilbert (US), 605,848; 6, M Chang (US), 567,130; 7, A Krickstein (US), 492,651; 8, A Mancia (Arg), 480,436; 9, A Agassi (US), 368,901;10, J Hlasek (Swtz), 356,849.
ATP RANKINGS: 1, Lendl; 2, Becker; 3, Edberg; 4, McEnroe; 5, Chang; 6, Gilbert; 7, Agassi; 8, Krickstein; 9, Mancini; 10, J Berger (US).
ATP GRAND PRIX POSITIONS: 1, Lendl 9,231pts; 2, Becker, 6,239; 3, Edberg (Swede), 5,545; 4, Gilbert (US), 4,356; 5, McEnroe (US), 3,917; 6, Chang, 3,441; 7, Agassi, 3,286; 8, Krickstein, 3,124; 9, Mancini, 2,615; 10, Berger, 2,325; 11, M Wilander (Swe), 2,127; 12, T Mayotte (US), 2,068; 13, M Jaite (Arg), 2,026; 14, M Mecir (Cz), 1,823; 15, H Skoff (Austria), 1,810; 16, C-U Steeb (WG), 1,755; 17, A Gomez (Ecu), 1,672; 18, E Sanchez (Sp), 1,603, 19, K Curren (US), 1,551; 20, Y Noah (Fr, 1,550.

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SQUASH RACKETS

Falling seeds echo the sound of changing game

From Colin McQuillan, The Hague

The sound of falling seeds in the early rounds of the NCM Dutch Open Championships here is accompanied by slightly rueful lamenting for the competitive patterns of yesteryear.

Chris Dittmar, Brett Martin, Rory Watt, and Lucy Soutter were beaten in the first round. In the second round they were joined by Rodney Martin and Ross Norman, leaving only Jansher Khan, the world champion, and Umar Hayat Khan, the world No. 7, to represent the top 10 men in the quarter-finals.

Watt has surprised many by forcing his way to twelfth on the world list but might have been expected to better resist the straight-games challenge of Simon Parke, England's wonderfully promising teenager. His New Zealand compatriot, Norman, the former world champion, perhaps had more excuse losing to Adrian Davies of Wales at 30 years of age.

The Australian collapse was astonishing. Dittmar and the two Martin brothers are the most exciting players in the world behind Jansher and Jahangir Khan. The Pakistanis have been beaten collectively by the Australians in recent tournament play and when they won the World Team Championship in company with Chris Robertson who survived here at the expense of Del Harris.

Brett Martin is the least consistent of the three and his brother occasionally retires early with back spasms. But no one can remember another first-round defeat in the 10-year competitive career of Dittmar, who left here on a hurriedly changed early flight tight-lipped and cold-eyed.

The victors over these three were Adam Schreiber, Rodney Eyles, and Bryan Beeson, members of a growing and noticeably hungry pack baying at the heels of the stars. Knock one down and another, fresher, version pops up behind him.

When Jahangir Khan ruled undefeated for five-and-a-half years to 1986 the real battles rarely started before quarter-final stages. Often just one hard final could win a major title.

SWIMMING

Auckland trio receive British senior debut

By Craig Lord

Three teenagers will make their senior British debuts at the European Cup at Sabadell, Spain on December 9 and 10.

With the experienced Karen Mellor, of Sheffield, declining selection in favour of preparing for the Commonwealth Games, Elizabeth Arnold, aged 16, from Nottingham, will compete in the 400 metres and 800 metres freestyle.

Two other 16-year-olds will also win their first senior caps: Austyn Shortman, from Bristol, and Judy Lancaster, of Warrington Warriors. All three were selected for events at the Games after impressive performances at the TSB trials at Leeds two weeks ago.

While Shortman will swim in the freestyle relay, Lancaster will tackle the 400 metres individual medley.

The team will be partially depleted with some key names deciding to concentrate on their training for Auckland. Among those who will not be competing are Sharron Davies, of Braknell, the Moscow Olympic medal winner, and Tim Jones of Birmingham.

However, Adrian Moorhouse, of Leeds, the Olympic champion in Seoul, and Nick Gillingham, the European champion, from Birmingham, will start favourites for the 100 metres and 200 metres breastroke respectively.

TEAM: Women: J Croft (Wigan), K Reed (Barnet), S Brownsdon (Wigan), M Scarborough (Portsmouth), E Arnold (Nottingham), J Lancaster (Warrington), L Donnelly (Hamilton), J Corti (Birmingham), K Pickering (Ipswich), A Sheppard (Milngavie), S Parvis (Wigan), J Hill (Cumbernauld). Men: M Fibbens (Barnet), M O'Connor (Manchester), A Moorhouse (Leeds), I Wilson (Sunderland), K Boyd (Tynaside), J Davey (Leeds), S Dronsfield (Leeds), P Brew (Kelly College), N Gillingam (Birmingham), A Shortman (Bristol), G Bulpitt (Birmingham).

HOCKEY

England to benefit from the lessons in defeat

One of the most important lessons learned by the England women's team — which lost the recent five-match series against The Netherlands — is that speed is one of the most important requisites in the modern game (a Special Correspondent writes).

The series was used by both teams to help with their preparations for the World Cup in Sydney next May but the English, who were drawn in the same group as the South Koreans, Chinese and Japanese, know that athleticism is essential.

Despite losing the series 3-1, there is little doubt that the players grew in stature with every game and for the management team of coach, Sue Slocombe, and manager, Jenny Cardwell, each contest provided an invaluable insight into the capabilities of each player who is fighting for a place in the final party.

Mary Nevill and Tracy Fry impressed with their play at wing half as did Kathy Edwards as central defender. Jane Sixsmith proved that she is a world-class player at forward and Sandie Lister confirmed her enormous influence in midfield.

England squad leave

An England squad of 16 players left London yesterday for a tour of Oman and Pakistan as part of their preparation for the seventh World Cup tournament starting at Lahore on February 12 (Sydney Friskin writes).

The party does not include Kerly and Batchelor who asked to be excused from the tour, their places having been filled by two other forwards Welch and Williams; but Robert Thompson, who had also been invited, had to withdraw for private reasons.

TOUR PARTY: S Taylor (Stourport), S Rowlands (Havant), P Bolland (Hounslow), D Faulkner (Havant), J Halls (Old Loughtonians), J Potter (Hounslow), R Hill (Havant), M Grimley (Hounslow), R Lamsden (East Grinstead, capt), C Mayer (Cannock), R Cliff (East Grinstead), R Garcia (Havant), N Thompson (Old Loughtonians), Soma Singh (Southgate), R Welch (Southgate), D Williams (Havant). Manager: B Cotton. Assistant manager: J Hurst. Coach: N Hughes.

POOLS FORECAST by Paul Newman

Saturday December 2 unless stated

FIRST DIVISION

1 Chelsea v Wimbledon
1 C Palace v QPR
1 Derby v Charlton
X Everton v Coventry
X Luton v Tottenham
X Millwall v Southampton
1 Norwich v Sheffield W
Not on coupons: Arsenal v Manchester United (Sunday); Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest; Manchester City v Liverpool

SECOND DIVISION

X Barnsley v Ipswich
1 Bournemouth v Brighton
1 Leeds v Newcastle
1 Leicester v Hull
1 Oxford v Plymouth
1 Portsmouth v Watford
1 Port Vale v Bradford
1 Sheffield U v WBA
1 Sunderland v Swindon
1 West Ham v Stoke
X Wolves v Middlesbrough
Not on coupons: Oldham v Blackburn (Friday)

THIRD DIVISION

1 Bolton v Northampton
1 Bristol C v Rotherham
1 Crewe v Cardiff
X Mansfld v Huddersfld
1 Notts Co v Fulham
1 Preston v Reading
1 Shrewsbury v Chester
1 Swansea v Blackpool
2 Walsall v Bristol R
Not on coupons: Brentford v Leyton Orient (Sunday); Tranmere v Bury; Wigan v Birmingham (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Aldershot v Halifax
X Burnley v Grimsby
1 Cambridge U v Rochdale
1 Carlisle v Peterboro
2 Colchester v Lincoln
2 Doncaster v Stockport
2 Hartlepool v Hereford
1 Maidstone v Exeter
1 Scunthorpe v Southend
1 Torquay v Scarborough
X Wrexham v Chesterfield
1 York v Gillingham

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

1 Altrincham v Fisher
X Boston v Runcorn
1 Cheltenham v Famboro
1 Darlington v Welling

SCOTTISH PREMIER

X Celtic v Aberdeen
2 Dundee v Motherwell
1 Dunfermline v Hibernian
X Hearts v Rangers
2 St Mirren v Dundee U

SCOTTISH FIRST

2 Albion v Falkirk
2 Alloa v Airdrie
X Clydebank v Raith
2 Forfar v Morton
1 Hamilton v Clyde
1 Partick v Ayr
1 St Johnstone v Montrose

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Brechin v Cowdenbeath
1 Dumbarton v Arbroath
X E Stirling v Berwick
Not on coupons: Kilmarnock v Montrose; Queen of the South v East Fife; Stirling v Stenhousemuir; Stranraer v Queen's Park

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Everton, Luton, Millwall, Barnsley, Wolves, Mansfield, Burnley, Wrexham, Boston, Celtic, Hearts, Clydebank.

BEST DRAWS: Luton, Millwall, Barnsley, Wrexham, Hearts.
AWAYS: Bristol Rovers, Lincoln, Hereford, Motherwell, Dundee United.

HOMES: Chelsea, Derby, Norwich, Leicester, West Ham, Bolton, Torquay, York, Altrincham, Partick, St Johnstone, Brechin.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Chelsea, Derby, Norwich, West Ham, Bolton. Aways: Bristol Rovers, Lincoln, Hereford. Draws: Luton, Millwall, Barnsley.

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FA imposes heavy fines

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Arsenal and Norwich City, found guilty of misconduct and of bringing the game into disrepute, were yesterday fined £20,000 and £50,000 respectively. In announcing the unprecedented punishments, the Football Association stressed that they had been imposed as a severe warning to clubs that hooliganism on the pitch will not be tolerated.

Since 21 Arsenal and Norwich players indulged in a brawl towards the end of their fixture at Highbury on November 4, two other games have featured widespread violence and three managers have also been asked to explain their misconduct. "The game has recently gone off the rails," Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers Association, admits.

Through the disciplinary committee, the FA has attempted without delay to usher it back on the right tracks. The fines are savage, considering that clubs whose players have been guilty of persistent misconduct throughout a season have been penalized the comparatively paltry sum of £5,000.

Taylor was among those who applauded the expeditious and firm action taken by the FA's disciplinary committee. If the lesson is not learned, sides who are involved in gang warfare next season could be even more likely to pay an even harsher penalty. They may have up to two championship points deducted.

This proposal is to be put before the League's annual general meeting and Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, says he sincerely hopes that it will be accepted. The disciplinary committee (Geoff Thompson, the chairman, Bill Fox, the president of the League, and Gordon McKeag) was technically armed with such a sanction.

"That would have been stretching the rules to the limit," Kelly said. "The committee felt that, without signalling beforehand that such a measure might be taken, it would be unjust and unsafe to impose it." Nor is any player to be charged individually for his contributon to the scuffles at Highbury.

IAN STEWART



Stringer (left), the Norwich manager, and Chase, the club chairman, arriving at Lancaster Gate yesterday

"That could be a dangerous path to follow," Kelly said. "Three or four of the Norwich players would, in my view, have found it difficult to defend their actions. That is based not on the referee's report or of the police, who are at liberty to offer evidence, but on the video of the incident.

"If we used a film to prefer charges on a player, we might undermine the authority of the referee." George Tyson, the official on duty at Highbury, told the committee that he "saw no individual culprits" but the FA expects Norwich, clearly considered to be at greater fault than Arsenal, to punish certain members of the team.

Gunn, the goalkeeper, and Butterworth, the captain, have already been fined two weeks' wages but only for expressing their opinions in the media. "We are disappointed that Norwich have so far not been inclined to take action against their players." Robert Chase, the chairman, intimated that his club may now do so.

"We wanted to wait until the committee met before making our own decisions," he said. "We are going to reflect on the implications but it is a sad day for Norwich, who try to play entertaining football, and we are disappointed in the difference between the two fines."

The disciplinary committee took into consideration the apologies expressed by both chairmen (Butterworth also stated that "this would never happen again") and the previous exemplary records of the clubs. Wimbledon in particular and West Ham United could be treated more harshly when their cases are heard on December 19.

Five players were booked and West Ham's captain, Dicks, was sent off during their Littlewoods Cup fourth round tie last Wednesday. After the skirmishes, Lou Macari, West Ham's manager, refused to condemn his side and uttered the regrettable comment that "we cannot control the players when they are out on the pitch."

Wimbledon's manager, Bobby Gould, was earlier this season fined for bringing the game into disrepute. He and his club, whose disciplinary record has been notorious, are fortunate that Arsenal and Norwich were the first to be put on trial at Lancaster Gate.

"They have borne the brunt and been used to set an example," Taylor said. "I feel sorry for them because their behaviour in the past has generally been good. Nobody can say that the punishments are not severe but a clear message had to be given to the players.

"That message is that part of being a professional is to bite your tongue, count to 10, walk away and leave the referee to sort it out. Otherwise, the police will become involved and we never want that to happen. Players must learn to respect the referee."

Three managers who apparently failed to do so recently have been asked to appear before the FA. Colin Harvey, seen on television to remonstrate verbally with the referee at the end of Everton's controversial Littlewoods Cup tie at Nottingham Forest, has been charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

So have Ray McHale, of Scarborough, and John Bird, of York City. Both were sent off after a dispute on the touchline last Friday

Francis sacked for his style of management

By Dennis Signy

The controversial 11-month reign of Trevor Francis as the manager of Queen's Park Rangers ended abruptly yesterday with an announcement from the club directors that his appointment had been terminated "due to differing opinions over his management style".

On a black day for managers even by the standards that have come to be expected within football, Francis's dismissal came only hours after Mel Machin was relieved of his post in charge of Manchester City. And, at the other end of the League, Bobby Moncur resigned as the manager of Hartlepool United, bottom of the fourth division.

The position of Francis, aged 35, as a player is under review by him and the directors. He underwent a hernia operation recently and has 18 months of hiscontract as a player to run. Yesterday he was due to resume jogging after his operation and he said at the weekend that he hoped to be playing before Christmas.

The directors refused to discuss the matter beyond their formal statement, saying it was "of an internal nature". They thanked the former England international, who won 52 caps in an illustrious playing career, for his "hard work and integrity" since succeeding Jim Smith as manager last December. Don Howe, the England coach, who left Wimbledon in the summer to join Francis, is staying on as first team coach.

Although no reasons were given for the decision to dismiss Francis, it has been evident for some time that the Rangers directors have been perturbed about the adverse publicity directed at the club and their manager in recent months. One columnist referred to Francis as "the most hated manager in football".

A crowd of only 9,000 for a London Derby match against Millwall on Saturday, an all-ticket game, followed a record of one victory in nine matches, albeit against Liverpool, and a place in the bottom three of the first division.

Another matter of concern to the QPR directors was the fact that Chelsea agreed a fee of some £300,000 with Bayern Munich last week for Erland Johnsen, the Norweigan international defender, when Francis was reportedly prepared to pay £450,000 for the player.



Francis: lasted 11 months

Francis, who had predicted at the start of this season that his side would do well to match their ninth last season, has spent £2.6 million on players this year and recouped £1.8 million. He broke the club record transfer fee by signing Colin Clarke from Southampton for £800,000, as he had done when purchasing Nigel Spackman from Liverpool for £500,000 and Andy Gray, who he later sold to Crystal Palace at a profit, for £425,000.

The departure of Francis raises doubts about the future of Ray Wilkins, his former England colleague, who is due to arrive at Heathrow this morning to to discuss a move to QPR after being given a free transfer by Rangers. The prospective transfer of Spackman from QPR to Rangers for £600,000 did not progress yesterday due to the developments.

The managerial career of Francis, who was the first £1m player when Smith sold him to Nottingham Forest from Birmingham City in 1979, has been shrouded in controversy. Brian Clough, his manager at Forest, described him as "too soft" for management; Spackman, this month publicly called him "too tough".

In March Francis achieved nationwide publicity when he fined Martin Allen two weeks wages – later halved on appeal – for leaving the team hotel before a match against Newcastle United to be at his wife's side when she had their first baby.

Francis called it "the most serious breach of contract" and added "he has let me down. He has let the club down. He has let all his team mates down. He has let down all the supporters who travelled all the way to Newcastle because he was fit to play for them. It is not a holiday camp here. He is a professional footballer. I have never known anything like it."

END COLUMN

Time to create a better lobby

By Emlyn Jones

Have our top politicians reached the conclusion that time spent debating sport is not reflected in support at the polls? Little or no mention, with the exception of the Football Spectators Bill, which has little bearing on active participation, was made by any of the parties at their recent political conferences.

This would not happened in West Germany where the Deutscher Sportbund (DSB) claims to have more members than the trades union movement. It is united, easily contactable and, when necessary, represents political clout. Frequently British sports administrators lament the fact that the arts have the more effective and articulate lobby. This is not surprising when one sees the ministers and mandarins in attendance at the Royal Opera House.

But, while the arts exploits its strength, sport bewails its weakness. A prime example of political influence was the compensation extracted from the Government following the demise of the GLC – about £7 million to sport and close to £40 million to the arts.

Yet it would be generally accepted that substantially more people actively participate in sport (21.5 million adults and seven million children) than in the arts. Sport attracts £200 million in commercial sponsorship, compared with £30 million for the arts. Local authorities are spending about £1 billion a year on sport and physical recreation, compared with £200 million on the arts.

Arts Council grant went up by 12.9%

What, you may ask, about the £175 million grant-in-aid from Government to the Arts Council for 1990/91 (12.9 per cent increase) alongside the Sports Council's paltry £43.7 million (5.3 per cent increase)? This is valid only in the percentage increase since the Arts Council's input is mainly to the professional sector and the Sports Council's to non-professional sport.

Yet the influence of sport politically is in inverse proportion to its popular appeal. It could be argued that, because of its fragmented state, it receives its just desserts. The Sports Council in England is mirrored in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. The Central Council for Physical Recreation, which begins its annual three-day conference in Bournemouth on Wednesday, is the corporate voice of sport in England; it claims UK jurisdiction but that would not be conceded in the other three countries.

Laudable efforts have been made, and no doubt they will continue, to set up a British Sports Federation. Realistically, however, it is unlikely that a meeting of the four corporate bodies for a cosy chat a couple of times a year is likely to cut much ice on the political front. The influence of such a body must relate to its responsibilities.

Lead should come from Prince Philip

The Sports Council, in accordance with government policy, is offloading some responsibilities to the private sector. Has it ever thought of handing back to voluntary sport those assets – tangible and intangible – it stripped from the CCPR in 1972? Such a course could not be seriously contemplated until a properly constituted body is set up capable of, among other things, running the national centres and employing some 600 staff.

A mammoth task you may say, so why disturb the status quo? The answer is that voluntary sport is now ready to take the lead and it would bring us into line with most EC countries.

But how can it be achieved? By leadership and Government action. There are few who would argue that the leadership should come from Prince Philip, who has the prestige, presence, respect and experience to lead voluntary sport into the promised land which he has envisaged for many years.

Government action must come from the Minister for Sport, Colin Moynihan, who has the power to redistribute the responsibilities and guarantee the new body financial stability. But let us not throw out the baby with the bath water. The Sports Council must be retained as a financial buffer between Government and voluntary sport to bid for and disburse government grant-in-aid.

Police regard FA action as 'a joke'

The Police Federation chairman, Alan Eastwood, launched a scathing attack on the Football Association yesterday, describing their punishment of Arsenal and Norwich as "a joke".

Eastwood, who had demanded the "firmest possible action" against the clubs if they were found guilty, said the FA had proved they had no backbone. "A joke. And I'm not laughing!" was Eastwood's immediate response. "This was their chance to show that they meant business in cracking down on indiscipline and they funked it.

"These offences demanded a reduction in League points. Any sort of fine would have been a joke, but these amounts are totally meaningless. It's what they pay for a player in the GM Vauxhall League these days. It's small change to a first divison club, less than a week's wages for their playing staff. The fine is meaningless and so is the body which decided it."

Eastwood said the verdicts from the FA's disciplinary commission confirmed the police view that they should not run the new Football Membership Authority. "The FMA must be run by people with backbone, people determined to take up the challenge," he said. "This proves that such people are not to be found within the game.

"We are not surprised by what they have done because we felt all along that they did not have the steel to put their own house in order. This confirms the Government must find independent people to run the new body.

"We have made this point to Mr Moynihan, the Sports Minister, and I'm sure the Department of Environment will be as dismayed as we are by the punishment. And not only the FMA, these kind of tribunals must also have totally independent people on them, people who respond to the wider implications.

"The public perception of football authorities will be that once again they have ducked an issue. The officers who stand around the touchline at grounds for every game will shrug their shoulders at the decision. They are cynics about football and were expecting something like this."

Moynihan's reaction to the fines was more favourable, however. "I think these fines are entirely appropriate after what happened," he said. "Now my greatest desire is to see the Football League urgently introduce the deduction of points as an additional penalty in the future."

Moynihan also called for the police to arrest and charge players involved in brawls on the pitch. He said: "The police have the powers to move in and it is up to them to judge each individual set of circumstances. If they feel they have to use their powers they should not hesitate."

Machin dismissal opens City door

By Ian Ross

Manchester City took what would appear to be a calculated gamble yesterday, when they dismissed Mel Machin, their manager. Although Peter Swales, the City chairman, vehemently denied that he had lined up a successor, it is clear that the club is hopeful of persuading Howard Kendall, the former Everton manager, to accept the post.

Kendall is out of work, having been dismissed as the coach of Athletic Bilbao a fortnight ago, after 2½ years with the Spanish first division club.

Since his return to England, Kendall has been linked with numerous jobs, both in England and in Scotland, but has insisted he will not consider opening even preliminary negotiations with any club which already has a manager.

The decision to dismiss Machin, with Swales's claim that a replacement has not yet been "organized", would suggest that City will make a formal approach to Kendall before the end of the week.

"I have always said that it is unfair to link me with a job which is already filled," Kendall said yesterday. "If a job were to become available and people wanted to approach me, then that would be different." Should Kendall rebuff any approach, City may offer the job to Joe Royle, the club's former international forward, who is in charge of the second division's Oldham Athletic.

"I want to get something fixed up very quickly, hopefully within the next couple of weeks," Swales said. "I will have spoken to a few people before the weekend. I know that people are thinking that this is a set-up and that we have already got someone else, but we have not, I can promise you that."

Until an appointment is made, team selection will be undertaken by Tony Book, the club's manager between 1974 and 1979, and his fellow coach, John Deehan.

Machin, aged 44, was told of his dismissal on Sunday night, shortly after members of the City board had convened an impromtu meeting to discuss the club's poor start to the season. City are one place off the bottom of the first division and were knocked out of the Littlewoods Cup by Coventry City last week.

Machin is the eleventh football league manager to lose his job this season and the fourth this month.

Machin succeeded Jimmy Frizzell as team manager at Maine Road, in May, 1987, after several years as first team coach with Norwich City. Despite leading City to promotion last season, he failed to win the affection of the supporters, a factor which Swayles acknowledged was instrumental in his downfall.

"Mel did a good job in getting this club back into the first division, but the supporters did not take to him – that is common knowledge," Swales said. "We were not happy with the situation which we were in, and we believe that we will have a better chance of doing something about it with a new manager. It was a unanimous decision. I must do what I believe to be right for the club."

Machin, who still had more than two years of his contract to run, and who was City's 16th post-war manager, admitted that he was very upset by the decision. He said: "I leave the club with a clear conscience

Moynihan: venue is priority

By John Goodbody

Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, is to travel to Italy on Saturday in an attempt to persuade FIFA and the World Cup organizers that England must be based on Sardinia in the finals next summer.

Moynihan will see FIFA on Sunday, attend a match in Rome and then meet officials of the Interior Ministry on Monday when there will be discussions about police intelligence and co-ordination and measures to restrict alcohol at the grounds.

Moynihan said: "I believe England should be playing at the venue which has the best security and all the reports we have had indicates this is Sardinia.

"I am concerned about the preparations for safety, segregation of rival supporters and the allocation of tickets."

Moynihan is still awaiting the final reports from the Football Association and the British Embassy in Rome about safety at the World Cup, although he expects them before he leaves on Saturday and said: "I believe considerations for safety should come first and the seeding second."

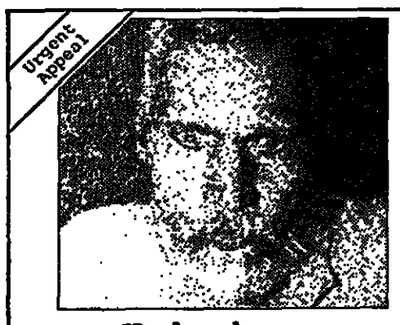
FIFA, the world governing body, will meet next week to decide which countries should be seeded for the 24-nation finals. England is contesting the sixth seeding spot with Spain and it is expected that that seed will be based on the Mediterranean island.

Sardinia, given its small population, would be an appropriate choice for England from the point of view of security since it would be comparatively easy to monitor supporters arriving and leaving the island.

Spain insists that it should be seeded six, ahead of England, because of its marginally superior record in the qualifying competitions and also previous tournaments. However, the Football Association disputes Spain's claim and believes that on playing grounds England should be seeded.

The seeds are to be announced by FIFA on December 7, with the draw taking place two days later.

Last week Giam Piero Segala, an Italian World Cup official, said: "Even if FIFA decides to make Spain a seed it is still within its powers to assign England either to Cagliari on Sardinia or Palermo in Sicily."



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SPORT IN BRIEF

Faldo wins again

The golfer, Nick Faldo, who won The Masters and the Suntory World Match Play championship, has been voted the Sportsman of the Year by the Sports Writers' Association. He beat Steve Backley, the javelin thrower, and Linford Christie, the sprinter. It was Faldo's second such award in three years.

Yvonne Murray, the first British woman to win a World Cup event, was voted Sportswoman of the Year, beating Martine Le Moignan, the world squash champion, and the three-day eventer, Ginny Leng.

Bright start

British crews took nine out of the first 10 places in the first day of racing of the Singha Enterprise world championship in Pattaya, Thailand.



Whitaker: agreed to stay

Staying put

The former England batsman, James Whitaker, has ended speculation that he was to join his home county Yorkshire by agreeing to stay with Leicestershire next season.

Aid for Wales

Six English companies have agreed to back the Welsh Commonwealth Games team.

Irish date

Richard Woodhall, of Telford, and Robert McCracken, of Birmingham, two of the English medal prospects for the Commonwealth Games boxing competition next January, are in the England amateur boxing team to meet Ireland at Coventry Leisure Centre on December 22.

Back in action

Del Harris, the England No. 1, whose season has been ruined by illness and injury, plans to play in the new Snauwaert World Young Masters tournament at East Grinstead which starts on January 11.

On the road

Steve Cram meets Mike McLeod in the Norman Woodstock memorial 10km road race at Gosforth Park on Saturday. It will be Cram's fifth road event since returning from a calf injury.

THIS SEASON'S DEPARTURES

DATE	MANAGER	FROM	REASON
Aug 28	Frank Burrows	Cardiff City	Resigned
Aug 31	Mick Jones	Peterborough Utd	Dismissed
Oct 2	Cyril Knowles	Torquay Utd	Resigned
Oct 23	Ian Branfoot	Reading	Dismissed
Oct 30	Colin Appleton	Hull City	Dismissed
Nov 1	Dixie McNeil	Wrexham	Resigned
Nov 6	Colin Morris	Scarborough	Dismissed
Nov 7	Mick Mills	Stoke City	Dismissed
Nov 8	Allan Clarke	Barnsley	Dismissed
Nov 27	Mel Machin	Manchester City	Dismissed
	Trevor Francis	Queen's Park Rgrs	Dismissed
	Bobby Moncur	Hartlepool Utd	Resigned

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